

unable to gain admittance the clerk of the Board, Mr. Ronk, who had in some manner obtained a key, opened the doors and Mr. Reynolds and his followers [paper torn at bottom of column]
In view of the facts, we claim, as law abiding citizens, and after the years of active service in the interest of this village in serving [sic] our connection with a fire department controlled by the present Board of directors from whom we have neither received no can expect to receive any consideration whatever, that we have taken the only step which any dignified body of men can take, and we trust that in taking such action we will have the support of the law abiding citizens of this village. Snyder Hose Co., No. 1
To the Citizens of the Village of Saugerties: -

At a special meeting held at the rooms of Washington Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1, May 18th, 1892; We have heartily endorsed the action taken by the Snyder Hose Co. No. 1, and have sent our resignation to the Honorable Board of Directors of this village as members of the fire department. Signed: Morris M. Schoenfeld, Foreman. George H. Hotaling, Secretary.

1496. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. May 25, 1892. Resignation of James Reynolds as Chief Engineer.
Saugerties, May 24th, 1892

To the Editor of the Post.

I will thank you for space in your columns in which to publish the following communication which I have this day sent to the Directors of the village.

May 25th, 1892.

To the Directors of the Village of Saugerties: -

I respectfully tender my resignation as Chief Engineer of the Fire Department. I wish to thank the Board for the honor conferred upon me, and upon the company on the south side of the creek – which was first organized in 1864 – by appointing me as Chief Engineer. My friends made me a candidate for the position in order to encourage the firemen on our side, as the fire department has been organized at least 37 years, and in all that time we have only had the Chief Engineership once. But for reasons which we well understand objection was made to our having the honor. I did not wish to stand in the way of a friendly feeling, and hence I wrote my letter to the SAUGERTIES POST offering to withdraw upon condition that Postmaster Burhans withdraw also, as there was considerable feeling against having the fire department used for political purposes. Postmaster Burhans then declined to accept my proposition. Now I learn from the proceedings of the last meeting of the Board that he sent in his resignation as Chief Engineer. When the Board selected a Chief, Directors McNally, Huyck, Curley and Van Keuren voted for me, and Director Davis (Postmaster Burhans' partner) and Director Cunyes voted for him. Four ought to beat two and yet he sends in his resignation.

But without further comment I accept postmaster Burhan's act, as an intention to withdraw as a candidate.

Having made my offer to do so if he would, I feel that I am in honor bound to withdraw and hence I resign. But I do so upon the distinct understanding and condition, that postmaster Burhans is acting in good faith, and that his act is not intended as a trick to induce me to resign in order that he might be chosen in my stead.

All I ask for the 44 active firemen on the south side is that a good chief, and other good general officers, may be selected by the Board who will have no friends to reward and no enemies to punish, and who will unite the different companys [sic] into a compact organization for the good of the public. Again thanking you, I am yours respectfully, James Reynolds.

1497. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. May 23, 1892. A Card.

The strife between the fire organizations is to be regretted, newspaper controversy will not mend matters. I have read the *mis-statements* contained in the article in the Saugerties *Telegraph* – the only reply that I have to make is that I have lived in this village 41 years; my record is before the people and I believe that I enjoy the confidence of my townsmen. What ever action I have taken has been, and will

be, governed by a desire to do what is fair and right. Nothing else shall influence men, and no one shall intimidate me to do otherwise. J. H. Van Keuren. Saugerties, May 23, 1892.

1498. The Telegraph, Saugerties, NY. April 21st, 1892.

Lewis O'Hara, son of Chas. O'Hara, formerly of this village, passed a very creditable examination last week before the Board of U. S. Engineers in New York and received a license as assistant steamship engineer, after serving an apprenticeship of four years in the Brooklyn and New York ferry machine shop and attending a term at Cooper Institute in mechanical drawing. He entered the service of the Clyde line of steamers as an oiler running to the West India Islands, and has been in that company's employ the past year, but has now taken the position of Assistant Engineer in the Ocean Steamship Co., running to Savannah, and is at present on the steamship Nacoachee.

1499. The Telegraph, Saugerties, NY. April 21st, 1892.

The Reformed Church of this village has recently made exceptional advances. Sixty persons were admitted to the church during the month of April on confession of faith and by certificate. The membership of this church now reaches four hundred. Hon. William F. Russell, in addition to other very generous donations, has promised one thousand dollars to the church improvements. On Easter day the pastor, Dr. Wortman, read from the pulpit a letter from Elder John E. Lasher offering a twenty-five hundred dollar pipe organ as a gift. The congregation intends raising twenty-five hundred dollars to erect an addition to the church back from the pulpit to receive the new organ, relight the church by new gas fixture, ventilate and paint the church and parsonage. We congratulate the Reformed church on this era of prosperity.

1500. The Telegraph, Saugerties, NY. April 21st, 1892.

Hon. Wm. F. Russell has shown commendable generosity lately in promising the gift of \$1,000 to each of the churches in this village and a like sum to the West Camp Lutheran Church.

1501. The Village Board of Health organized last week by the election of Richard S. Gibson, as president, and Benjamin F. Crump, secretary. Dr. Edmind Brink was appointed health officer.

1502. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. June 18, 1892.

The cigarmakers of this village have organized a union to be known as No. 84, and to be governed by the rules and regulations of the International Union of America. The following officers were elected: John G. Palmer, president; Joseph C. Doll, vice-president; Gustave F. Peters, financial and corresponding secretary; George Gordon, recording secretary; Ernest Young, treasurer. The cigarmakers feel proud that they are able to maintain a branch union in this village, because they are the foremost in union matters and have just organized one of the best unions in America.

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1503. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. March 5, 1892. – OUR COMMON COUNCIL. – What Our City Fathers Did at the Regular Meeting March, 4th.

A postponed regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the room on Friday evening, March 4th. All of the Directors were present except Director Huyck. President Van Keuren presided.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

A petition signed by a large number of young men and older people was presented to the Board which read as follows:

To the Honorable, the Board of Directors of the Village of Saugerties:

We, the undersigned petition your honorable body in behalf of the young men of our village who enjoy the facinating [sic] sport of coasting, to grant them the privilege of coasting on Bridge St. The hill is

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always lighted by the boys and guarded so no accidents can happen and as this privilege is given the boys of other cities and villages on the Hudson River, we think it no more than right and just that the boys in Saugerties may have a place where they can enjoy this health-giving pastime. Remember you were boys once and give these boys a chance.

Saugerties, Feb. 5, 1892.

The petition was granted provided the street be well guarded.

Charles Davis appeared before the Board in behalf of Washington H. & L. Co., and asked consent of the Board to have this company incorporated under Laws of the State of New York.

Director Davis offered the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Village of Saugerties consent to the incorporation of Washington H. & L. Co., No. 1, of the Village of Saugerties. The resolution was carried.

The committee on obstructions in streets offered the following report:

Saugerties March 4th, 1892

To the Board of Directors of the Village of Saugerties,

We the undersigned committee on obstructions to streets of the village will further report:

Main Street – One lamp post at J. P. Russell's .

Myer Street – Mrs. Peter B. Myer, one tie post, one foot-block.

Division Street – Saugerties Savings Bank property, one tie post.

Norman Cunyes, John C. Davis, Charles McNally, committee.

On motion the Clerk was directed to notify these parties the same as others.

Communication of Richard Donovan offering to clear roadway of stones and other obstructions on a portion of East Bridge street was received and the matter was referred to the Directors of the South Side to have these obstructions removed.

The Finance Committee asked for and were granted an extension of time.

An exempt fireman's certificate was granted to John Hotaling of Washington H. & L. Co., No. 1.

The following bills were read and ordered paid:

Charles Davis, for services	\$ 92.00
George E. Yerger, janitor	12.00
Jeremiah Finger, for wood	4.00
John A. Myer, painting road scraper	10.00
Benjamin M. Coon, for cost as Justice in Mower case	3.90
Robert Lent, for brick	4.50
James Russell, hardware	10.81
Wesley Shultis, supplies	1.35
James Donohue, work and teams	12.38
James Donohue, shoveling snow off sidewalk at Jacob Lazarus	<u>.30</u>
	\$69.24

The Clerk was directed to collect 30 cents from Mr. Lazarus for this work.

Bill of Burhans & Brainard for stone was furnished was referred to the Finance committee.

John H. Kemble appeared before the Board and spoke at length in regard to his bill for work on Ulster Avenue, after some discussion it was referred to the Finance Committee.

The bill of Saugerties Water Co., for water services, etc. to January 1st 1892, amount \$3,324.45 was read and on motion payment was refused for the same reasons that was taken by the Board of Directors at their meeting of July 18th 1889.

The article of agreement made by the President with the Saugerties Gas Light Company was read and approved by the Board.

Mr. Davis offered the following:

Resolved, That the President and the Clerk of the Board be empowered to give a certificate of indebtedness for the sum of \$110.00 to the Saugerties Gas Light Co. (the amount of the warrant No. 1,449, issued by the Board of Directors June 20th, 1891, for gas bills rendered) the same to be issued for one year and to draw interest at 4 per cent.

Motion made that the action of the Board on lighting and putting out street lights at the meeting of February 4th, be rescinded.

Motion made that Patrick Maxwell be paid the sum of \$40 per month for one year from March 1st, 1892 for lighting and taking care of street lamps. Carried.

The Clerk reported that he had received from S. J. Adams, \$12 for theatre licenses and deposited the same with the treasurer and taken his receipt therefor.

Motion made to adjourn which was carried. Irwin Ronk, Village Clerk

1504. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. April 6, 1892. - OUR COMMON COUNCIL. – What Our City Fathers Did at the Regular April Meeting.

The regular meeting of the Board of Village Directors was held in their room in Firemen's Hall Tuesday evening, April 5th.

All the directors were present. President Van Keuren presided.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A petition from I. Lazarus in regard to resetting curb and gutter in front of his residence on Main street was referred to the directors of the ward.

Mr. Cunyes presented a petition from the Baptist Church asking that a gas lamp be placed in front of their church. On motion a gas lamp was ordered placed as desired.

The Finance Committee reported on the following bills which on motion were ordered paid:

George W. Elting for printing, etc.	\$ 92.00
Burhans & Brainard for stone,	17.53
J. L. Butzel's Sons for supplies	3.32
Saugerties Gas Co. for Firemens' Hall	33.50
James D. Barber, Jr., for labor	3.00
James Donohue, men and teams	11.25
John H. Kemble, work on Ulster avenue	217.44

Upon reading the report of the Finance Committee, on the bill of John H. Kemble, Mr. Cunyes called for the ayes and noes on the vote which resulted as follows:

Directors Cunyes, no; Davis, no; Curley, aye; Huyck, aye; President Van Keuren, aye. Noes 2; ayes 4.

Mr. Davis said, "When I vote no on the Finance Committee's report of J. H. Kemble's bill, I want to state the as one of the Finance Committee of last year, had, after due consideration, audited the bill what we thought right and not having any other information to the contrary from the Ulster avenue committee.

The Finance Committee rendered the following report as to the village indebtedness.

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the Village of Saugerties:

We the undersigned Finance Committee would state that it is utterly impossible to render a correct finance report of the village indebtness [*sic*] and would respectfully request the Board to take whatever action it may deem proper to ascertain the true financial condition of the village. Chas. McNally, Daniel Curley, Tjerck Huyck.

This report led to considerable discussion after which Mr. McNally moved that the Board employ an expert to examine the village books and render a report.

The President ordered the Clerk to call the roll which resulted as follows:

Director Cunyes, no, "on the grounds that it is useless to incur this expense;" Davis, no, "I think the Village ought not to incur this extra expense as I think it is the duty of the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors to make out this report;" Curley, aye; McNally, aye; Huyck, aye; President Van Keuren, aye. Noes 2, ayes 4.

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The following bills were read and ordered paid:

Saugerties Coal & Lumber Co.	\$32.87
John H. DeWitt, five months salary as Health Officer and for removing nuisance from street	42.42
James Donohue, men and teams	11.63
James Donohue, three months salary as Street Commissioner	62.50
P. Maxwell, lighting lamps, etc.	40.00
B. F. Crump, twelve regular and one special meeting of Health Board	26.00
Alex. Lackey, twelve regular and one special meeting of Health Board	26.00
T. J. Barritt, twelve regular and one special meeting of Health Board	26.00
Irwin Ronk, three month salary as Clerk	15.00
Irwin Ronk, to postage, stationery, etc.	2.00
P. Corcoran, for cast steel sledge	2.00

The following bills were referred to the Finance Committee

J. A. Lowther, work on lamp posts, etc.	12.95
William Hill, work	.50
Saugerties Gas Co., light for Firemen's Hall	20.50
L. DePuy Davis, horse hire	9.00

Mr. Simmons of the Saugerties Coal and Lumber Co., appeared before the Board and stated that some of the warrants held by the company were of a long standing and asked for a certificate of indebtedness. Mr. Cunyes moved that interest be added to their warrant for \$132.03 and that the President and Clerk be empowered to give a certificate of indebtedness for the total amount due the Saugerties Coal & Lumber Co. up to date, bearing interest at 4 per cent which was carried.

The placing of a cross walk on Montgomery street was referred to the Directors of that ward.

The street commissioner was directed to repair the street leading to the residence of Mr. F. T. Russell. Motion made and carried that the Directors of the South side be empowered to repair the roadway on East Bridge street near the bridge.

The Directors of the South Side were empowered to repair the curb and gutter on East Bridge street below Underwood street.

Motion made that the Street Commissioners notify all persons who have obstructions in streets to remove the same within three days. The commissioner be empowered to remove the same if this notice is not complied with, which was carried.

Considerable discussion was had in regard to hawking and peddling after which a motion was made that the President appoint a committee of three to revise the ordinance and cut out the objectionable parts, which was carried.

The President appointed as such committee, Directors Davis, Cunyes and McNally.

Motion made and carried that the Directors of Ward No. 1 have the gas lamp which formerly stood at the corner of Barclay and Burt streets replaced.

Mr. Davis moved that the Clerk instruct to Village Assessors to levy the tax for 1892 as follows:

General Fund	\$ 3,000.00
Ulster Avenue bonds, due July 1 st 1892	\$ 1,000.00
Interest, Ulster Avenue bonds to January 1 st , 1893.	367.50
For sewer extension of Main street and retaining walls on Underwood street and repairs and railing on road to Porter's dock	500.00

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Board of Health	<u>250.00</u>
Total	\$ 5,117.50

The motion was carried.

Mr. Davis moved that the old Board of Health be re-appointed.

Mr. Curley moved an amendment that Benjamin F. Crump, Richard S. Gibson and John A. Lowther, constitute the Board of Health, which was carried.

Mr. Cunyes moved that the Board call a special election of taxpayers for the purpose of submitting the question or raising \$2,000 to be used for the purpose of purchasing a stone crusher and plant. The said special election to be held on Wednesday, April 27th, and that the polls of said election be open from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m., and that the usual notice of such elections be given, which motion was carried.

The matter of laying a cross walk at the corner of Montgomery and McDonald street was referred to the Directors of Ward No. 3.

Motion made to adjourn which was carried. Irwin Ronk, Village Clerk.

1505. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. May 4, 1892. - OUR COMMON COUNCIL. – Business Transacted at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, May 3d.

Regular meeting Board of Directors held in their room Tuesday evening, May 3d, 1892.

Present, Directors McNally, Huyck, Curley, Davis and Cunyes. President Van Keuren presided.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and the Clerk

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instructed to give items of all bills of Street Commissioner Donohue in the minutes hereafter.

The certificate of canvass of the inspectors of the special election held April 27th was also read.

The following petition was read: Saugerties, N. Y., May 3d, 1892

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the Village of Saugerties, N. Y.

GENTLEMEN – Having been notified to remove the shade trees in front our residence, I would respectfully ask if there is any way in which a compromise can be made so as to spare the trees, as the removing of them would very much detract from the beauty and comfort of our residence to say nothing of the damage which would be caused from a financial standpoint. The trees are entirely out of the way of anything ever happening to make an accident possible.

We are willing, of course, to submit to anything that your honorable body may suggest at a remedy, and only ask that the trees be spared. Yours respectfully, S. Montross.

Mr. Cunyes moved that if Mr. Montross wished to let his trees stand, that he furnish bonds to the village and be responsible for all accidents; the Clerk to notify him of this action and to present his bond for approval at the next meeting of the Board, which was carried.

Petition from C. C. James in relation to East Bridge street in front of the James property was read and ordered placed on file.

Letter from Julian Schell & Co. in regard to stone crusher, etc, was read and placed on file.

Petition from Board of Health asking for use of Directors room for the meeting of the Health Board was read and on motion the request was granted, provided their meetings will not interfere with the meetings of the Board of Directors.

The Finance Committee asked for and were granted an extension of time.

The Directors of the various wards were empowered to have lamp posts set at the various places where ordered.

Mr. Cunyes moved that the Clerk notify all persons to remove all obstructions from the street within three days and all persons who desire to leave their obstructions in the street, to give the Village security, that in case of any accident they will be responsible, that such parties present their bonds at the next meeting of the board for approval. The Clerk to notify these parties in writing, which was carried.

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The committee on the revision of the Hawking and Peddling Ordinance reported as follows:

The Committee on changing the ordinance on hawking and peddling make following report so that Section 1 be changed to read as follows: "All butchers, milkmen or other dealers not residents of said village or town, who take orders and deliver goods or produce not of their own production, and having no place of business in said village or town shall pay a license fee as follows."

Also to amend Section 4 to read as follows: "The first section of this ordinance shall not apply to farmers, gardeners, or berrypickers selling their own produce, nor to fruit, fish or vegetable peddlers living in village or town."

We also recommend that all persons living in the village or town having taking [sic] out licenses that the Clerk issue warrants and the money they have paid be refunded to them. J. C. Davis, Norman Cunyes, Chas. McNally. The report of the committee was accepted.

Motion made and carried that the Clerk issue warrants to all who have taken out licenses residing in the Village and Town, on presentation of the same to him.

Motion made and carried that Clerk notify the Assessors to add the \$2,000 voted for a stone crusher to the tax levy of this year.

Committee on cross walk on McDonald street asked for and were granted an extension of time.

James Donohue, work on streets for month of April as follows:

Nelson Myer, 4 days with team	\$18.00
Wm. Deyo, 6 days do do do	27.00
Michael Lawler, 13 ½ days work	37.50
Thomas Hurley, 8 " "	12.00
John Gilmore, 12 " "	18.00
John Lowther, 5 ½ " "	8.25
Thos. Tracey, 8 " "	12.00
Patrick Gorman, 8 " "	12.00
Richard Donovan, 9 " "	13.50
Fred Hillis, 1 " "	1.50
Geo. Lowther, 12 ½ " "	18.75
Herman Brink, 4 " "	6.00
John Tracey, 7 ½ " "	11.25
George Ball, 6 " "	9.00
Benj. Peters, 4 " "	6.00
Wm. Stinson, 2 ½ " "	4.28
Total	252.63

Norman Cunyes to services as inspector of special election 2.00

George E. Yerger to services as Janitor for months of March and April 12.00

P. Maxwell, to lighting and care of street lamps 40.00

P. Maxwell, to services as inspector of special election 2.00

B. M. Coon, to services as inspector of special election 2.00

Irwin Ronk, to salary as Clerk of Board for month of April 5.00

Irwin Ronk to services as clerk of special election 2.00

Bill of Benj. M. Coon, for costs in suit brought against Jonas L. Mower, amount \$1.50 was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. McNally moved that the crosswalk which is now in front of Fireman's Hall be taken up and placed in front of the Baptist Church and a double crosswalk made of it, which was carried.

Motion made and carried that the Clerk notify Mr. Jacob Van Gelder, as agent, to repair the sidewalk in front of the Phelps property on Montross street.

Mr. Cunyes moved that Clerk notify the Water Company that hereafter when trenches are filled in the streets, the work must be done under the supervision of the street commissioner, which was carried.

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Mr. Davis moved that the Clerk notify Chas. E. Abeel, agent for the Rosa property, at the corner of Main and John streets to set curb and gutter and lay sidewalks within 30 days. Carried.

The Directors of Ward No. 2 were empowered to have gutter crossing at junction of Clermont street and Washington avenue repaired.

The matter of bringing out curb on a portion of Livingston street was referred to the Directors of the ward.

Motion made and carried that a committee of three be appointed to employ an expert to go over the book, records etc. of the village

The President appointed as such committee Directors Curley, McNally and Huyck.

Mr. Curley moved that the President be added to this committee, which was carried.

Mr. Beardsley, representing the American Machine Co., appeared before the Board and spoke at length in regard to a stone crusher.

Mr. Huyck moved that Messrs. McNally, Davis and Cunyes be appointed a committee to purchase an engine, boiler, crusher and plant, which was carried.

The clerk stated he had collected from S. J. Adams for theatre license \$9 and had paid the same to the village treasurer, and taken his receipt therefore.

Clerk reported he had collected 30 cents from Mr. Lazarus for removing snow from sidewalk, which he was directed to pay over to the street commissioner.

The Clerk stated that on entering the rooms before the meeting he had found the village safe unlocked and the book of minutes gone; that he does not care to act as clerk and be responsible for Village property when parties are allowed to have access to the same, and take books, papers, etc. from the rooms without his knowledge or consent.

Mr. Davis replied that he had a key to the safe and had sent for the minute book in order to make the amendments to the Hawking and Peddling Ordinances.

On motion the Board adjourned. Irwin Ronk, Village Clerk

1506. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. April 6, 1892. - Investigating the Books.

It is very evident from the manner in which Messrs. Davis and Cunyes, the remaining members of the old Board of Directors, acted at the meeting on Tuesday evening that they propose in every way possible to upset the investigation of the village books and to keep the people from learning the true state of the village finances.

Messrs. Davis and Cunyes voted against employing an expert. Why? Doesn't it look as though they had something to conceal or something they wish to conceal for their friends? It certainly does. The very idea of their stating that it is unnecessary, and as Mr. Davis says he was one of a committee to investigate the same matter and did report a correct amount to the Board last year, when, a few minutes later he admitted he only took the Treasurer's report of the year before and added the expenditures from that time which result he presented to the Board as a correct financial report. The Finance Committee of the new Board of Directors endeavored to give a true report, finding it necessary to go over the books for several years. At first it was thought five years would be all that was necessary, it was ascertained that this would not do and from five they found that twenty years back would not give them a proper place to begin at.

After spending considerable time and not having any reliable records to assist them in their pursuits, to any great extent, they concluded to tell the people plainly that it was beyond the power of men of ordinary intelligence to furnish a *true* financial statement.

The efforts of the new Board should be appreciated, as they show that they are trying to serve the people and not a ringmaster or clique.

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1507. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. June 18, 1892.

At a meeting of the William F. Russell gun squad held Friday evening the following field officers were elected: Delaware Y. Smith, captain; John Tracey and Peter Snyder, Jr., first lieutenants; William Peters and Michael Clerkin, second lieutenants.

1508. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. May 20, 1892. – Our Common Council – Special Meeting Held Thursday Evening, May 19th – The Proceedings.

Special meeting of the Board of Directors held at their room in Firemen's Hall, Tuesday evening, May 19th.

Present Directors Curley, Davis, Cunyes, McNally and Huyck. President Van Keuren in the chair.

The Clerk stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of taking action on matters pertaining the fire department and to the town clock.

Mr. Cunyes moved that the Board employ some one to keep the town clock in repair for one year, which was carried.

The following bids for keeping the town clock in repair for one year was read by the Clerk:

John Dietrich \$50.00

W. E. Persons 50.00

Mr. Cunyes moved that Mr. Persons be employed at the sum named for one year, which was carried.

The Clerk read a communication from Washington H. & L. Co., stating that they had withdrawn from the village fire department, which on motion was received and placed on file.

A communication from R. A. Snyder Hose Co., stating that they had also withdrawn from the village fire department was read and on motion was received and place on file.

The resignation of Wm. V. Burhans as chief of the fire department was read and a motion made and seconded that it be received and placed on file.

Mr. Curley moved that the portion of the minutes of January 5th, relating to the election of Chief Engineer be read, to see if Mr. Burhans is Chief Engineer.

Mr. Cunyes objected to this as there was a motion before the Board.

The President declined to entertain the objection and Mr. Cunyes appealed from the decision of the chair.

The President stated that he would not put the motion until the portion of the minutes had been read. After considerable discussion and excitement the Board adjourned. Irwin Ronk, Clerk.

1509. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. July 19, 1892.

The funeral of Aaron Hanna took place from the residence on Washington avenue Saturday afternoon. The services were conducted by the Rev. J. H. La Grange, pastor of the Congregational Church. Ulster Lodge, No. 193 F. & A. M., attended in a body, as did also a large delegation from the Irving Club. At the grave, the Masonic burial service was conducted by the Rev. Oscar Haviland, chaplain of the Lodge. The bearers were Dr. M. H. Wygant, J. Edwin Hayes, James O. Carnright, William Ziegler, Edward J. Lewis, F. William Tepe, Nicholas C. Bohr, Arthur L. Hale, Lewis B. Adams and Abram A. Post. The floral tributes were handsome, including a pillow from Ulster Lodge, with the device "Our Past Master, F. & A. M.," a pillow, bearing the word, "Papa"; a broken circle from a lady friend of the family, and a pillow from the Irving Club. A large number of people from Hudson were in attendance, and a number of the Masonic brethren from abroad took part in the ceremonies.

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1510. The Telegraph, Saugerties, NY. May 30th, 1892. - Directors' Proceedings.

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held Thursday evening May 19th, 1892, for the purpose of taking action in regard to the fire department and town clock.

President Van Keuren in the chair. Directors present – Cunyes, Curley, Davis, Huyck and McNally.

Meeting called to order by the President. After reading the object of the meeting, President asked the further pleasure of the board.

Mr. Cunyes moved that we employ some one to take charge of town clock for one year.

Communication was read from W. E. Persons stating that he would take care of clock for 1 year for \$50.

Also a communication from John Dietrich, stating he would take care of clock for 1 year for \$50.

On motion, Wm. E. Persons was engaged to take charge of the town clock for 1 year for \$50.

The following communication was read from the Washington Hook & Ladder Co.

Honorable Board of Directors of the Village of Saugerties -

GENTLEMEN: At a special meeting of the Washington Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1, of the village of Saugerties, held at its rooms Wednesday evening, May 18th. It was unanimously voted that we withdraw as a company from the fire department of the village.

Motion was also made and unanimously carried. That we vacate the rooms provided for our use by the said village at once, and that the undersigned committee be appointed to notify your honorable board of such action, and that we endorse heartily the action taken by the Snyder Hose Co. No. 1 in this issue of the SAUGERTIES TELEGRAPH. Moses M. Schoenfeld, Foreman Washington, H. & L. Co.

Dr. Geo. Hotaling, Secretary.

On motion it was received and placed on file.

The following communication from Robt. A. Snyder Hose Co. was read:

Honorable Board of Directors of the Village of Saugerties.

GENTLEMEN: At a special meeting of the Robt. A. Snyder Hose Co. No. 1, of the Village of Saugerties held in its rooms this (Tuesday) evening, three-fourths of the members being present, it was unanimously voted that we withdraw as a company from the fire department of this village.

Motion was also made and unanimously carried. That we vacate the rooms provided for our use by the said village at once, and that the undersigned committee be appointed to notify your Honorable Board of such action, reasons for which will be found in this week's issue of the SAUGERTIES TELEGRAPH.

On motion it was read and placed on file.

A communication from Wm. V. Burhans, resigning his position as Chief Engineer of the Fire Department was read.

Motion was made by Mr. Cunyes, and seconded, that it be received and placed on file.

The President refused to put the motion.

Mr. Curley asked to have the minutes read of a previous meeting. After considerable discussion the motion made by Mr. Cunyes was called for. The President again refused to state the motion. Mr. Davis appealed from the decision of the President, and asked to have the appeal voted upon by the Board. The President refusing to do this, Mr. Cunyes asked the clerk to record on the minutes the action of the President on refusing to put the appeal from his decision. Mr. Cunyes asked the Clerk to read the minutes in regard to this. On his reading same, Mr. Cunyes stated that the Clerk had made an error in taking down his request, and would ask to have the change made in the minutes. The Clerk stated to President Van Keuren, that if he wished him to grant Mr. Cunyes' request to change the minutes he would so do. The President directed the Clerk not to make the change. President Van Keuren then addressed the Board in a loud tone of voice and stated the Mr. Cunyes and Mr. Davis had been trying to bulldoze the Board because they could not control it. After more rambling remarks by the President, Mr. Cunyes stated that he instead of Mr. Davis and himself putting up jobs, and attempting to bulldoze the Board as charged by President Van Keuren, it was the President himself who was doing the bulldozing. President Van Keuren replied in a loud tone of voice, "You are a liar." After the ungentlemanly remark by President Van Keuren to Director Cunyes, a motion was made and seconded that we adjourn.

President Van Keuren hesitated in putting the motion, but on insisting on the motion being placed before them he did so and it was carried. John C. Davis, Norman Cunyes, Chas. McNally, Tjerck Huyck.

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1511. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. June 6, 1892. – Mr. Blaine Resigns. - He is no Longer the Secretary of State.

Washington, June 4 - The following correspondence explains itself:

Department of State
Washington, June 4th, 1892.

To the President:

I respectfully beg leave to submit my resignation of the office of Secretary of State of the United States, to which I was appointed by you on the fifth of March, 1889.

The condition of public business in the department of state justifies me in requesting that my resignation be accepted immediately.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

James G. Blaine

Executive Mansion, Washington June 4

To the Secretary of State:

Your letter of this date, tendering your resignation of the office of Secretary of State of the United States, has been received. The terms in which you state your desires are such as to leave me no choice but to accede to your wishes at once. Your resignation is therefore accepted.

Very respectfully yours,
Benjamin Harrison

To Right Hon. James B. Blaine.

1512. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. June 13, 1892.

At the meeting of the Saugerties wheelmen held Friday evening at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, the club was formally organized under the name of "The Saugerties Wheelmen." It was voted that the standard color of the club be dark navy blue. The following officers were elected: J. W. Lackey, president; William M. Fiero, secretary; Ernest Myer, treasurer; Benjamin Fellows, captain; Edward D. Burhans, first lieutenant; J. C. Carle, second lieutenant; E. B. Simmons, bugle bearer.

1513. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. July 18, 1892.

At a recent meeting of the Saugerties Mænner Quartette the following officers were elected: Philip C. Smith, president; Henry Snyder, vice-president; William Peters, secretary; Joseph Weiss, financial secretary; Emil J. Reutter, corresponding secretary; Geo. Gippert, janitor; John Koestner, Maitre de Plassire; Herman Gleisner, Egbert Cooper, Harry Thomas, George U. Peters and Henry Snyder, trustees.

1514. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. June 17th, 1892. – Our Common Council. - Special Meeting June 10 – Business Transacted.

The Village Board of Directors held a special meeting on Thursday evening for the purpose of signing the tax roll and approve the bond of the collector.

All the directors were present. President Van Keuren presided.

On motion, James R. Martin was appointed Clerk for the evening.

Director Davis moved that the Board dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting. The motion was carried.

The Collector's bond was read and on motion approved by the Board.

The amount of the bond was \$15,000 and the sureties were John W. Shults and Peter J. Rightmyer.

Director Davis moved that the tax books be handed over to the collector, which was carried.

This closed the business that had been specified in the notices sent to the Directors by the members who had called the meeting.

Director Cunyes wanted to bring up matters in regard to the stone crusher which the President declared out of order on the grounds that the charter says that all business coming before a special meeting must

be specified in the notice of same, and that any business transacted aside from that specified would be illegal. The President then declared the meeting adjourned and left the room accompanied by Director Curley.

The remaining Directors called upon Vice-President McNally to take the chair and they would proceed with the business, but, after some discussion the members decided to take a recess for half an hour to look up the charter.

Director Davis left the room and soon returned with B. M. Coon, who looked through the several law books in the village safe but found nothing touching the point in question. He then went to his office and secured more books but was undecided whether the Board had the right to proceed or not. It was finally decided to allow the meeting to stand adjourned as the President had decided. Another meeting has been called for this evening.

1515. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. June 7, 1892.

At a meeting of Laflin Hose Co. No. 2 held Monday evening, the following nominations were made for officers of the fire department: For Chief Engineer, Andrew B. Irons; for First Assistant Engineer, Edward Lynk; for Second Assistant Engineer, James Barber; for Collector; Michael F. Sexton; for Treasurer, Thomas J. Keeney. Mr. Irons is an exempt member of City Hose Co. of Philadelphia.

1516. Attention Snyder Hose Co.

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the R. A. Snyder Hose Co. No. 1, will be held in their rooms at Russell's Block, Tuesday evening, June 7th, 1892, at 9 o'clock. E. Hassinger, Foreman, Jno. D. Fratsher, Sec. [no date or newspaper]

1517. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. June 18, 1892. – OUR COMMON COUNCIL. – Special Meeting June 17 – Business Transacted.

Another special meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Friday evening.

Present, President Van Keuren, Directors Davis, Cunyes, Huyck and McNally. President Van Keuren called the meeting to order.

Director Davis moved that B. M. Coon be appointed clerk for the evening, which was carried.

Director Davis moved that the Clerk read the minutes of the last three meetings for correction and approval.

The minutes of special meeting held May 19th was read by the Clerk after which Director Cunyes offered a newspaper article in the shape of a resolution.

After this wonderful piece of brain work had been read by the clerk, Mr. Cunyes moved that his own resolution be substituted for a part of the official minutes. Director Davis seconded the motion. The President said that he would put the question but it would be under protest. The clerk called the roll with the following result: Ayes 4; noes, 1.

The minutes of the meeting of June 7th were read and approved.

The clerk stated that he was unable to read the minutes of June 16th and on motion of Director Davis the reading of same was dispensed with for the evening.

Petition from members of the Lutheran Church asking for a lamp post and a double crosswalk to be placed in front of the church was read and on motion the petition was granted.

Complaint from Henry O. Taylor in regard to boys playing ball in the street in front of his residence, breaking windows, etc., was referred to the Directors of the south side to take action to abate the nuisance.

Petition asking for a crosswalk on Main street at the corner of Washington avenue was referred to the Directors of that ward.

Petition from property owners on Russell street asking that curb may be set out in order to take in trees was read and on motion the entire Board will act as committee in reference to the matter.

Director Cunyes stated that the committee on stone crusher and plant had purchased a crusher, which is now at the depot, and also an engine and boiler which would be here in a few days time; that the committee had also purchased land; that the committee would report progress as they could not rendered [*sic*] a final report at present. He also suggested that a committee be appointed to have crusher moved to the ground purchased and to do the same when boiler and engine arrive.

Director Davis moved that Directors McNally and Cunyes be appointed a committee to put the crusher, boiler and engine on the ground and get the same in operation, which was carried.

Director Cunyes moved that Director Davis be added to the committee, which was carried.

Committee on obstructions in streets reported two trees in front of residence of Howard Bogardus.

Director McNally moved that the Clerk notify Mr. Borgardus [*sic*] to remove the trees within 30 days, which was carried.

After taking action on a large number of bills the Board adjourned.

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1518. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. June 8, 1892. – Some Facts.

Last December the people of this village nominated and elected four new, and as was supposed at the time, independent men, for directors of the village of Saugerties. The old village ring fiercely opposed the election of these four new directors. But the people had become thoroughly aroused and determined to put an end to extravagance, chicanery and imposition. The four new directors at once associated themselves together for the purpose of investigation and exposing the operation of the old ring. Immediately all sorts of tactics were employed to conceal from the eyes of the people what had been done under the direction of the old Board. Influences were at once brought to bear upon two of the new directors for the purpose of preventing investigations. In order to divert public attention from the real issues and the impositions and frauds that had been practiced, new issues were brought up, and contests over the election of fire officers, stone crushing machines &c., were injected into the mind of the people. It is now definitely settled that two of the directors elected by the people, and for the people, last December, have been seduced by influences which we leave the public to judge of, and they are now found in the camp of the men who fought them at the polls, and who are doing everything to trottle the will of the people of the village and to stifle investigations. When these two men were nominated the people held up their hands in amazement at the selections, but it was absolutely necessary to take some one from the ward in which they lived and these were the only two men who were willing to pledge themselves entirely in the interest of the people and to assume the responsibility in order to obtain the honor of a seat in the Board. The people of the village are not fools. They understand the influences that have been brought to bear upon these two unfortunate men. The Director in the Board who believes it to be to his personal interest to drop the hod in order to work for the public good was also elected as it was supposed in the interest of the people, but he has not only fallen but assumes to lead this disgraceful matter. If there were new mills to be constructed we could understand the unholy alliance but we cannot now conceive of any reason except that he is looking after his personal interest, as he thinks. Messrs. Van Keuren and Curley were personally opposed to going into the Board, but they were willing to assume and to discharge the unpleasant duties if they had a majority in the Board to carry out the people's wishes. They have stood like sturdy oaks refusing to be bulldozed or to be influenced by anyone except in the interest of the public.

The office of the clerk of the Board was not a desirable one for many reasons. First: The charter of the village makes him the custodian of the books and records of the village, and while he is responsible for them he found that the safe in which they were contained had been broken into by members of the old ring. Books and records had been taken out. Agreements made between the village and individuals, and with corporations, have been stolen and cannot be found. Where are they? The village has provided a safe in which to keep them locked. They are gone. When the office of clerk was accepted by Mr. Ronk it was for purpose of aiding a majority of the Board in making proper investigations and

bringing the results to light. These two directors who basely deserted the cause of the people made it impossible for the clerk or the two other directors to carry out the purpose to which they were elected. The clerk of the Board is a separate and independent officer. He keeps the records and because he refused to keep the minutes as dictated to him by the members of the old ring and their new allies they conspired together and voted him out of office. The proceedings were revolutionary and entirely in keeping with previous course of the old ring. One of the old ring going so far as to ignore the chair, put motions himself and another of the ring seconded it, and the members of the old ring declared it carried, while the President of the Board sat in his chair, and had all the rights of his office ignored. This is what the people call revolutionary and they serve notice upon those conspirators that they will tolerate no such proceedings any longer.

1519. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. June 8, 1892. – Directors' Proceedings

As clerk of the Board of Directors, I will make my final report of the proceedings of the Board of Tuesday evening.

The following were present: President Van Keuren; Vice-President McNally; Directors Curley, Huyck, Cunyes.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved and the clerk then read the minutes of the special meeting held May 19th, as published in THE POST. At the conclusion Director Cunyes moved that the report of the minutes as published in the Saugerties *Telegraph* and signed by him and others be made the minutes of said special meeting. The president refused to put the motion upon the ground that the minutes were properly recorded by the clerk, and it was not the proper method of making an amendment to the minutes.

Director Cunyes then sprang to his feet and stated that he would assume the duties of the chair and put the motion to substitute his own statement as published in the *Telegraph*.

He then put the motion and declared it carried.

Director Cunyes then made a motion that Mr. Ronk be removed from the office of clerk for refusing to substitute the minuets as stated above, and which was seconded by vice-president McNally

The motion was carried by the votes of Cunyes, McNally and Huyck.

William H. Hommel, Jr., late of Quarryville, who was present, was then appointed by Director Cunyes to act as clerk

Director Cunyes, with the assistance of Director McNally, proceeded to write out the minutes for new clerk.

President Van Keuren and Director Curley stated that they would not be parties to any further irregular and disgraceful proceedings and they left the room. Irwin Ronk, late clerk.

1520. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. July 1, 1892.

Thursday evening Ulster Lodge of Odd Fellows of this village, elected the following officers for the ensuing term: John Tetsloff, Noble Grand; Edward Burhans, Vice Grand; Lewis Fratsher, Recording Secretary; John Seamon, Treasurer; Henry A. Ohley, Representative to the Grand Lodge; Robert Webber, Proxy Representative. The officers elect will be installed in public on Thursday evening, August 4th.

1521. The Telegraph, Saugerties, NY. June 30th, 1892. – Directors' Proceedings.

Board met in special session June 17th, 1892, pursuant to notice for such meeting.

Present – Directors Cunyes, Davis, Huyck, McNally and Van Keuren; President Van Keuren in the chair, On motion of Mr. Davis, Benj. M. Coon was elected Clerk pro tem.

Minutes of special meeting held May 19th were read, after which Mr. Cunyes offered the following:

Resolved, That the minutes of the special meeting of May 19th, 1892 be corrected to read as follows:

A communication from Wm. V. Burhans, resigning his position as Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, was read.

Motion was made by Mr. Cunyes, and seconded, that it be received and placed on file.

The President refused to put the motion. Mr. Curley asked to have the minutes read of a previous meeting. After considerable discussion the motion made by Mr. Cunyes was called for. The President again refused to state the motion. Mr. Davis appealed from the decision of the President, and asked to have the appeal acted upon by the Board.

The President, refusing to do this, Mr. Cunyes asked the Clerk to record on the minutes the action of the President on refusing to put the appeal from this decision. Mr. Cunyes asked the Clerk to read the minutes in regard to this. On his reading same, Mr. Cunyes stated that the Clerk had made an error in taking down his request, and would ask to have the change made to the minutes. The Clerk stated to President Van Keuren that if he wished him to grant Mr. Cunyes' request to change the minutes he would do so. The President directed the Clerk not to make the change. President Van Keuren then addressed the Board in a loud tone of voice and stated the Mr. Cunyes and Mr. Davis had been trying to bulldoze the Board because they could not control it. After more rambling remarks by the president, Mr. Cunyes stated that instead of Mr. Davis and himself putting up jobs, and attempting to bulldoze the Board as charged by President Van Keuren, it was the President himself who was doing the bulldozing. President Van Keuren replied in a loud tone of voice, "You are a liar." After this ungentlemanly remark by President Van Keuren to Director Cunyes a motion was made and seconded that we adjourn. President Van Keuren hesitated in putting the motion, but on insisting on the motion being placed before them, he did so and it was carried.

President Van Keuren stated that he was opposed to the correction, that the minutes of said meeting as kept by Clerk Ronk were correct minutes, that the proposed correction was nothing more than a newspaper article written by some of the directors, and that the directors had no right to make up minutes of a meeting, that he would put the motion under protest and if said corrections as requested were made it would be against his protest.

Roll call asked for and the resolution of Mr. Cunyes was adopted by the following vote – ayes 4, noes 1. Minutes of June 7th were then read and approved, and reading of minutes meeting of June 17th was dispensed with.

President Van Keuren called attention to warrant No. 1534, drawn in favor of J. A. Lowther for \$13.95, dated April 6, 1892, that said warrant had been drawn and signed by Clerk Ronk but had never been signed by him (Van Keuren) and had not been delivered to Mr. Lowther. Some discussion was indulged in by the members of the board in regard to the matter, as the bill of Mr. Lowther had been referred to the Finance Committee at the meeting held April 6th. The late clerk, Mr. Ronk, being in the room, was asked for an explanation, and stated that he issued the warrant by mistake, that at the April meeting there was a large amount of business transacted, that the bill of Mr. Lowther was referred to finance committee but became mixed with bills which had passed and a warrant was issued for the payment of this bill, and that subsequently in comparing his list of audited bills he found he had made the mistaken and had recently given the warrant to President Van Keuren. It was finally ordered that the warrant be cancelled.

Finance Committee reported that bill of Gas Co. for \$44 had been corrected and recommended that bill be paid at corrected amount, viz. \$20.50. Also reported on bill of L. D. Davis for \$9 which had been corrected by striking off \$3 for bill and recommended payment of bill at \$6. Also reported on bill of B. M. Coon for \$1.50, fees as Justice in suit of village against J. L. Mower, that C. Davis, attorney for village in that suit, would pay said bill. Also recommended payment of bill of J. A. Lowther of \$12.95 for work on street lamp posts.

Committee on stone crusher reported that a crusher had been purchased and was at R. R. Station, and boiler and engine would be here in a few days. Also reported that a piece of land had been purchased of heirs of B. Artman, deceased. Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Director Davis, Messrs. Cunyes and McNally were appointed a committee to attend to setting up stone crusher, boiler and engine on lands purchased for that purpose.

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On motion of Director Cunyes, Director Davis was added to the committee.

Committee on street obstructions reported that two trees belonging to H. C. Bogardus on Main street were standing in the road.

On motion of Director McNally Clerk was directed to notify Mr. Bogardus to remove same within 30 days.

Bill of J. Lang for watching at Hotaling fire was presented and passed by a vote of ayes 3, noes 2.

Members of Lutheran Church presented a petition asking for a lamp in front of their church and for a double cross walk which was received and placed on file and petition granted.

Complaint was made by Henry O. Taylor and others against boys playing ball in front of his residence, breaking glass, &c. Referred to Directors of Ward No. 1.

Petition of E. Barritt and others asking for a cross walk on Main street, from corner of S. Truesdell's to Irving Elting's, was received, ordered on file and cross walk ordered laid.

Property owners on Russell street petitioned that they be allowed to set their curb and gutter out so that the trees would be inside of curb. Petition placed on file and matter referred to whole board.

Bill of D. Lamb for \$264.40 for lamps, work, &c, referred to finance committee.

Also bill of Chas. Van Benthuyzen for Register for Board of Health, \$6.

The following bills being found correct were ordered paid:

	GENERAL FUND
James Donohue, street commissioner	\$33.75
Uriah Van Etten, assessor	40.00
Wm. H. Van Natten, Assessor	40.00
John H. James, assessor	40.00
B. R. Whitaker, watching at Hotaling fire	2.00
Jacob Lang " " "	2.00
L. D. Davis, team at fire	6.00
Saugerties Gas Light Co.	83.33
Geo. E. Yerger, 1 mo. salary Janitor	6.00
John A. Lowther, work on lamp posts &c	12.95
Wm. Hill, work on hose carriage	.50
Peter Curley, work on cistern	5.00
P. Maxwell, 1 mo. lighting lamps	40.00
Irwin Ronk, late clerk on salary for May &c	6.25
The Farrel Foundry & Machine Co., Ansonia, Ct., for stone crusher	637.50
The Saugerties Gas Co.	20.50
	ROAD FUND
James Donahue, Com., work on streets	\$ 82.63
Benj. Coon, Clerk pro tem.	

1522. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. July 15, 1892.

Coroner Warren Kemble impanelled a jury Thursday afternoon to inquire into the cause of the death of Aaron Hanna. Wm. V. Burhans was made foreman; after viewing the body and visiting the electric light works, the jury proceeded to the court room in Russell block to hold an inquest. The first witness sworn was Robert Montross, Mr. Hanna's associate in business, who testified to the finding of the body and to the operation of the works. The next witness was F. William Tepe, who testified he had heard Mr. Hanna complain of his heart troubling him many times. A. E. Hutchings, of the Edison General Electric Company, was then sworn and testified as to the general workings of an electric plant. He stated that the electricity generated by the plant here was perfectly harmless. Dr. P. E. Stafford testified that he had made an examination of the body and in his opinion death was caused by an electric shock. The

jury after reviewing the evidence rendered the following verdict: "That the deceased came to his death by an electric shock caused by lightning."

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1523. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. July 14, 1892. – The Saddest of All – Aaron Hanna Falls Dead in the Dynamo Room at the Electric Light Plant.

The saddest of all sad affairs that has occurred in this village in a great many years was the intelligence yesterday afternoon that Aaron Hanna had been found dead in the dynamo room of the electric light plant.

During the afternoon a severe thunderstorm had prevailed, which moderated about half past five o'clock and it is supposed that Mr. Hanna about that time had entered the electric light works and started the dynamo. However, be that as it may, about an hour afterwards, Robert Montross, Mr. Hanna's associate in business returned from supper and on entering the dynamo room found him lying upon the floor, face down. He immediately gave an alarm, and sent for physicians. Dr. Stafford was the first to respond and was followed by Drs. Reed and Dawes. An examination revealed the fact that Mr. Hanna had come to his death in some manner or other by being shocked with electricity.

Coroner Kemble was then summoned who repaired to the spot, and after viewing the body, gave permission for its removal and announced that he would summon a jury and hold an inquest in the near future. Kind and tender hands gently lifted the body and conveying it to a carriage in waiting and it was taken to the grief-stricken home on Washington avenue, where sympathizing friends had gathered to comfort as best they might the afflicted members of his family.

The deceased was a man of whom it is safe to say no man in Saugerties had more warm and closely intimate friends than he. He was kind, gentle, lovable, generous to a fault, and his untimely death has carried sincere and genuine sorrow into all classes of society in this village who deeply sympathize with his grief stricken mother, wife, children and relatives.

Mr. Hanna was a man of wealth, culture and refinement, and through his energy an electric light plant was recently established here, with whom he associated in business Robert Montross, who formerly had charge of the electric light plant in the Sheffield mills and the business was thus firmly placed upon a paying and successful basis.

Mr. Hanna was a Past Master of Ulster Lodge, No. 193, F. & A. M., of this village, as his honored father had been before him, and whose name is held in high veneration by the craft. He was also a member of Ulster Lodge of Odd Fellows and of the Odd Fellows' Encampment, both of this village.

He leaves a widowed mother, wife and five children, a son, and four daughters, who mourn his untimely death.

1524. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. July 6, 1892.

Ernest Janzer of Milwaukee, Wis., and son Henry, are in town. Mr. Janzer has not been in Saugerties for twenty-seven years, at which time he was employed by Davis & Fratscher.

1525. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. July 6, 1892. - Our Common Council – Business Transacted at Their Last Regular Meeting.

The Board of Village Directors met in regular session on Tuesday evening, July 5th.

Those present were: Directors Cunyes, Davis, Huyck, McNally and Curley.

In the absence of President Van Keuren, vice-president McNally called the meeting to order.

On motion James Dederick was made clerk for the evening.

After waiting some time for a copy of the *Telegraph*, so the minutes could be prepared from the columns, the minutes of the last meeting were read and correction made but not approved or adopted.

Chairman Gibson of the Village Board of Health presented the following communication:

Saugerties, N. Y., June 18, 1892

To the Board of Health of the Village of Saugerties:

I respectfully call the attention of your Honorable Board to the fact that the town of Saugerties is indebted to the village of Saugerties in about the sum of \$696.10 arising out of the following facts: Chapter 270 of the Laws of 1885 provides for the organization and maintenance of the town Board of Health and of the village Board of Health. The said Boards are to be separate and distinct Boards of Health, with separate and independent powers.

All taxes for the maintenance of the town Board of Health are to be assessed and collected upon the town separate and distinct from the village; and all taxes for the maintenance of the Village Board of Health are to be assessed and collected upon the taxable property of the village. Under the act the town Board of Health was organized, and also the village Board of Health each of which has continued from that year down to this time.

The expenses for maintaining the town Board of Health has been assessed and collected each year upon the whole town including the village, and the expense of maintaining the village Board of Health has also been levied and collected out of the taxable property in the village. Hence the village has paid to support two Boards of Health – the town and the village.

The only joint expense has been for the fees of registration. I have computed from the amounts paid each year (except registration fees) from 1885 to 1891, inclusive, with the exception of the year 1887. The total expense assessed upon the town and village to maintain the town Board of Health from 1885 to 1891, inclusive, without the year 1887, (excluding the Registrar's fees) has been the sum of about \$1,392.21. One-half of that sum (about \$696.10) was improperly assessed, between the years aforesaid, upon the village so that the village paid about \$696.10 to support the town Board of Health, and at the same time maintained and paid the expenses of its own Board. Upon presentation of these acts to the town Board of Auditors they will undoubtedly see to it that the amount of about \$696.10 is refunded to the village. Respectfully, E. Robert Whitaker, Registrar.

On motion the communication was placed on file.

A petition was read asking for a crosswalk on Montgomery street, which was granted.

Director Cunyes moved that Charles Montross and Charles Capen be employed as engineers of steamer and their time to begin at the time the resolution was passed to employ two engineers, which was carried.

Mr. George Gordon appeared before the Board and spoke in relation to a sewer which overflows and floods the cellar of his father's property on Montgomery street.

On motion the whole Board will act as a committee in reference to this matter.

Director Davis offered a resolution that the counsel for the village take action for a speedy trial of the matter of the Water Company against the Village and in order that no evidence may be lost, he now take the testimony of B. M. Coon and other persons who were Directors at the time the franchise was granted and other transactions made with the Water Co.

After the Clerk had read the resolution Director Davis moved that his own resolution be passed, which was carried.

The matter of erecting a suitable building for the stone crusher engine and boiler was referred to the committee on stone crusher with power.

Director Davis stated that a warrant for \$10.20 for stone was issued to his father last December and had been lost, and asked to have another issued as a duplicate, which request was granted.

Director Cunyes moved that the minutes and all notices of the Board be hereafter published in the *Telegraph*, which was carried.

Director Cunyes moved that all motions relating to the appointment of Chief Engineer and assistants be rescinded, which was carried.

Director Davis moved that ex-Chief Ohley and assistants be appointed fire officers for the balance of the year, which was carried.

On motion the Board adjourned.

1526. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. – Old Jerry.

He was the last surviving son with one exception (Sweep Stakes) of the world renowned Rysdick's Hambletonian. He died July 5th, on the premises of Dr. T. S. Dawes, at the age of thirty-six years. He was buried with all due honors on the lot at the rear of the dwelling, and arrangements have already been made to erect a suitable monument over his grave. The Dr. says he has found few as faithful friends as "Jerry" who has carried him thousands of miles in the practice of his profession. He was perfectly sound and had never been sick to within two days of his death, showing the remarkable qualities of the Hambletonian breed of horses. Old "Jerry" was a familiar sight on the village streets for many years, and even the children loved him for his gentleness.

1527. Snyder Hose Co. and Washington Hook & Ladder Co. again occupy their old quarters in Fireman's Hall. [no date]

1528. London's Daily Record. In London each day 400 children are born, 260 enter school for the first time, 200 begin their lifework, 150 persons enter married life and 200 persons die. [hand dated Octo 1898]

1529. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. July 19, 1892. - A Gala Day. – German Mænnchors Make Merry in Saugerties.

July 17th may be set down as a red letter day in the history of the Germans of Saugerties, the occasion being the grand picnic and summer night's festival given at the Singer Park under the auspices of the Saugerties Mænner Quartette.

In the morning, people were busy decorating their residence and places of business with bunting, flags, Japanese lanterns, etc., as a greeting to the Quartette and their visitors from abroad, who arrived with West Shore trains and with a band of music was escorted to Loerzel's Hall, which was made headquarters for the day.

The visiting choirs were the Germania of Poughkeepsie, Troy Mænnchor of Troy, Newburgh Mænnchor of Newburgh and Rondout Quartette of Rondout. They are officered as follows:

Germania – Jacob Schrauth, president; Robert W. Pehl, vice-president; Adolph Boye, secretary; Hubert Zimmer, treasurer; Adolph Kuhn, musical director. This society turned out 32 men.

Troy Mænnchor – Andrew Ruff, president; Carl Ahrense, vice-president; C. Schlachet, secretary; Frank Reitschel, treasurer; W. F. Rost, musical director. This society turned out 30 men.

Newburgh Mænnchor – George Kasel, president; H. B. Retscher, vice-president; A. Drewtz, secretary; H. Damran, treasurer; John Bickel, financial secretary, Albert Suhs, musical director. This society turned out 20 men

Rondout Quartette – Ferdinand Schneider, president; William Eastman, vice-president; Frederick Brandes, secretary; William Morsehead, treasurer; Louis Sutor, musical director. This society turned out 14 men.

All the visiting societies were accompanied by their wives, children and sweethearts excepting the Rondout Quartette.

After dinner line was formed and headed by Collin's Cornet Band of Newburgh, marched through several of the village streets to the park when the festivities of the day began. At two o'clock, the grand concert began by the Saugerties Mænner Quartette singing the welcoming song and were followed by the other societies with appropriate vocal selections interspersed with music by the band. The best effect was produced when all the societies sang in unison. The grounds were filled with men women and children who enjoyed themselves in various ways according to their inclination.

In the evening a fine display of fire-works was made and dancing was kept up until a late hour. It is estimated two thousand people visited the park during the evening, and the Quartette will net a

handsome sum of money for their treasury. The Quartette is deserving of great praise for the successful manner in which they managed the affair, the whole passing off without any unpleasant occurrence to mar the festivities of the day. The weather was perfect and all that could be desired.

1530. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. July 19, 1892. - Two Prizes Worth Going For.

Osborn Hose of Catskill will present to the company having the largest number of uniformed men in line, at the Tri County parade in that village on October 5th, a handsome Rip Van Winkle chair, valued at \$35. This with the \$100 in gold offered by Citizens Hose for the finest appearing company, will be two prizes worth going for. Several Kingston companies will attend. Snyder Hose Co. of this village ought to be "very much in it," and with proper attention to drill, there is no doubt they will walk off with the prize.

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1531. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. July 9th, 1892. – An Address to the Citizens of Saugerties.

Some years ago several Germans of our village organized among themselves a Singing Society, and adopted the name of "The Saugerties Mænner Quartette." All people are fond of music, the Germans especially so. The membership in the society was at first small and was composed of workingmen. It was dependent upon its members for the revenues. As the society increased in age it also enlarged in membership, and it began to feel the beneficial effects of additional members additional interest and more dues.

Across the Atlantic, in the Fatherland, from whence came most of our members, it was the custom of our fathers and their forefathers when the foliage and the grass was green, when the flowers sent out sweet incense, and their cheery notes, to take their families and friends out into the open air to some retired nook and give vent to their feelings in the enjoyment of innocent amusements, in social intercourse and in singing together. That custom is inborn and inbred with us.

Our Society finding that in other near localities similar organization were building up pleasant out-door resorts, members of our Society began to dream of being able to have such a spot for themselves. When it was first suggested in June, 1891, that it was possible, the member who first proposed it convinced some that the plan was possible; he was in earnest and some others became impressed with the project. A committee was appointed to find a location that would be suitable for a little park. The committee went to work, selected the site, erected the platforms for dancing and put up other necessary buildings. The Society heartily indorsed the action of the committee. Roads were built, the place cleared up and the spot beautified. In about six week [sic] it was christened "Singer Park" and was thrown open to the public by our Society by giving a picnic. Its success encouraged the Society to go on. This spring the Society have expended several hundred dollars to make the spot still more attractive. We can safely say, and take pride in doing so, that the Society now has a park as pretty as any in this part of the State. Near on the east, at our very feet, flows in silent grandeur crystal waters of the classic Hudson; turning towards the west we find ourselves nestled within the shadows of the Catskills, whose every peak and every beauty we can drink in with one glance of the eye. The Society has decided to throw open the park to the free use of the people of the village upon two conditions only, namely: We shall ask you to protect and not destroy our property, and we further ask that children who resort there after dark shall be accompanied by parents or guardians, if under the age of sixteen years. And now, citizens, we wish you to appreciate our efforts to please you by showing your friendship for our Society; on the 18th day of July next, which we intend to make a red letter day in Saugerties, we ask you simply to decorate your places of business and your homes on that day along the line of march.

Sister Singing Societies from Troy, Newburgh, Po'keepsie, Kingston and other places have accepted our invitation to be here with us. Grand vocal and instrumental concerts will be given free to the public in the afternoon. We wish to receive and treat our visiting brethren pleasantly and we hope that you will aid us to make our efforts successful. Saugerties Mænner Quartette.

1532. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. July 6, 1892. - A REMARKABLE CASE. - David and Hannah Austin – History of a Legal Fight that Ends as it Should End.

On Monday, June 27th, the matter of David A. Austin and Hannah Austin's estates came up for a final accounting before Surrogate Carpenter, in Kingston, on the application of Hon. Robert A. Snyder, administrator of the estate of David A. Austin and executor of the last will, &c. of Hannah Austin, both deceased.

The histories of these two cases are so remarkable, and so original, and different from any that have ever come to the knowledge of the public, and the degree of ability, skill, perseverance and energy shown by Mr. Snyder, and by his attorney, Carroll Whitaker, in grappling with and overcoming what seemed to be insurmountable difficulties, that we have taken pains to glean the facts from the parties interested and to place them before our readers.

David Austin was born in a village in North Wales in 1819. At an early age he removed to Staffordshire, England where he became known as "David the Welshman." His mother became a widow, and subsequently remarried a man named Humphrey Harris.

David had one full brother, and two half-brothers, but no sisters.

He became an iron-mill puddler, which afforded him remunerative employment.

While in Staffordshire, David married a woman named Caroline Gettings, by whom he had a daughter.

On about the year 1844, he emigrated to America. He located in Saugerties and found employment in the Ulster Iron Works.

On November 20, 1847, he married Hannah Phillips of Saugerties. Each being of frugal habits, very economical, and industrious, and ambition to succeed, they began a life which ultimately brought them comparative wealth. David became a naturalized citizen of the United States. He did not confine himself to the iron mill but began to acquire and to hold real estate which appreciated in value.

He had no children by his second wife. Apparently he paid no attention and gave no thought to his relatives in England or Wales.

In November, 1887, he was taken sick at his residence, overlooking the Hudson, near Malden, and on the 27th of that month he died, leaving his widow, but no blood relatives in this country.

No will was found. His widow called upon Robert A. Snyder, and Mr. Whitaker for consultation and advice. She requested Mr. Snyder to act as the administrator of her husband's estate which the former declined to do stating that his duties as President of the Bank, and his private business required all his time. Mrs. Austin did not dream but that all her husband's real and personal estate came to her by law, but Mr. Whitaker privately informed Mr. Snyder that all of the real estate reverted or escheated back to the State of New York, under Section II, of Article I of the constitution, subject of course to her dower rights. The property was mostly in real estate, and consisted of a large farm and thirteen dwellings. As the old lady had been largely instrumental in acquiring the property and as she was exceedingly prudent and close in business matters, neither Mr. Snyder nor Mr. Whitaker could summon up courage to tell her of the unfortunate situation.

Subsequently she concluded to become administratrix herself, but again changed her mind. She and some of her relatives then joined in a request to Mr. Snyder, and in the latter part of April, 1888 he gave his consent to act as the administrator and her petition was written for his appointment.

But the time arrived when she had to be told the truth, and Mr. Whitaker was deputed to tell her. Just before March 1, 1888, she called one day on Mr. Whitaker, and he broke the news to her that the state, and not she, owned the real estate. It was a great shock to her; she left him in a dazed state of mind, although he tried to cheer he [*sic*] with a plan he had in view.

He renewed this encouragement the next day, but it did not lift the depression from her mind. She could not be comforted. She left her own residence and went to the house of James A. James, a relative by marriage, and was soon taken ill, and on March 19, 1888, she died.

A few days before her death she sent for Mr. Whitaker to write her will, but in the absence of the latter from home, Herman Winans, Esq., was called in, and he wrote it – bequeathing her personal property

only which was limited in amount, and which she gave to a few personal friends, and in which she named Mr. Snyder as her executor.

Mr. Whitaker returned the same evening, and learning her condition, he called to see her. She told him what she had done.

He then told her of his plan to obtain the property from the State, and he wrote a new will for her (revoking the other) in which she disposed of all the real estate as she desired, and as if she owned it. Mr. Snyder and Whitaker knowing that death would soon overtake her, worked for thirty-six hours without sleep examining titles, searching for deeds, writing her will and in getting up papers for the Legislature, with which Mr. Snyder was thoroughly familiar by reason of his legislative experience. Past midnight on the following day the papers were completed. Mr. Snyder, Mr. Whitaker and John H. Jones, (an old friend and neighbor of David and his wife) the latter having been called from his bed – were present when she executed the papers.

But the property still belonged to the State. Mr. Whitaker and Mr. Snyder then prepared a bill to submit to the Legislature, and to the Governor. Senator John J. Linson, then recognized as a leading lawyer in the Senate, was taken into consultation. The bill was introduced into both Houses at once. Messrs. Snyder and Whitaker found it necessary to make many trips to Albany as the bill was an unusual one. It passed through the House, and went to the Senate where Judge Robertson, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, attacked it. It passed the Senate however with some slight and unimportant amendments. Then it had to be sent back to the House for passage again on account of the Senate amendments. New complications had arisen, as Mrs. Austin had died, but the will she had left saved the Bill and it passed the House a second time.

It reached the Governor and then a new snag was struck. He opposed it. After an argument he was induced to let it become a law on May 1, 1888, without his approval, under article 4, section 9 of the state constitution, and it will be found in chapter 210 of the Session Laws of 1888, entitled "An act to release the right, title and interest of the people of the state of New York, in and to certain lands, situate in the County of Ulster, to Hannah Austin, deceased, her heirs and assigns, *devises and legatees.*"

A new and threatening difficulty now arose. Rumors became rife that relatives of David, in England and Wales, would come over and claim the property, under the laws of 1874, and 1875. Indeed it was stated that David's first wife was still alive, and that his daughter was within teary reach. Letters were sent to the old country by certain jealous people who were loud in the claims that none of the persons named in the will and benefitted by the release of the state were entitled to anything; that they had not earned the property; that none of them were related to David Austin, and they failed to see why they should have any part of it. These same persons endeavored to kill the Bill in the Legislature.

No further steps could safely be taken until the question of relationship to David Austin was settled.

Mr. Whitaker started from New York on June 12th, 1888 and reached Liverpool on the 20th.

He and others whom he employed went to work vigorously. Before August 1st every blood relative of David Austin, living within fifty years, had been traced and every grave located and certificates of burial obtained. The only one who baffled the searchers for a time was David's brother, Thomas Austin. He was traced to several places and then lost. The same ground was gone over repeatedly, but always with the same result. One day while Mr. Whitaker was searching in a typical English churchyard he fell in with a short rotund grave digger whom he began to question. The mystery of Thomas Austin's disappearance was soon cleared up. After Mrs. Austin, (David's mother) had married Harris (her second husband) David left for America. Thomas assumed the name of his stepfather "Harris," and he became known as "Thomas Harris." Hence it was that "Thomas Austin" could not be found in all England or Wales. Mr. Whitaker procured a picture of Thomas from Mr. Walkins of the hotel known as the "Ship and the Rainbow." He brought also a copy of the record showing his burial. No stone marks the resting place. The old grave digger measured off ten paces from a given point; then he brought down his foot and exclaimed; "Hold Tom, he's hunder me 'eel"

Fortified with documents Mr. Whitaker sailed for America on August 4, 1888. Soon after reaching here proceedings were begun before the Surrogate Court to prove the will and steps taken to settle up the estate. The matter has been delayed by persons bringing in absurd claims against the estate ranging from \$100 to \$3,000. The executor rejected them. Litigation followed and in each case the claimant was defeated. This last one has lately been disposed of, and the proceedings are now under way for a settlement. It is certainly a very remarkable case in all the details.

The persons benefited are: Mrs. Sarah A. Hunt, C. C. James, David Hopkins, Jr., James M. Hopkins, Martha James, First Baptist Church, Daisy James, Jennie Hunt, Isabella Morgan, Margaret [sic] A. Torrence and William James.

1533. Ulster Lodge, I. O. O. F.

The members of Ulster Lodge, No. 59, I. O. O. F. are hereby invited to attend the funeral of our late Bro. Aaron Hanna, from the residence on Washington avenue, Saturday afternoon, July 16th, at 2 o'clock. W. E. Teetsel, N. G. Lewis Fratsher, Sec. [hand dated 1892]

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1534. Daily Republican, Hudson, NY. Tuesday, August 23, 1892. – State Firemen's Association.

The State Firemen's Association held their convention last week at Niagara Falls, and it was largely attended, the delegates present representing 40,000 men. The retiring President, Charles S. Rogers, of this city, made a very interesting address, reviewing the work of the past year in a concise way and showing that the financial standing of the Association is better to-day than has been for many years. We print the address below.

GENTLEMEN: - Once more I appear before you with an account of my stewardship, and again do I repeat my words of last year that I return to you the mantle of the Presidency of the New York State Firemen's Association as pure and spotless as when it first fell upon my shoulders. For two years as your presiding officer I have labored diligently for the advancement of the cause so dear to us; for two years I have endeavored, to the best of my ability, to give you a pure business administration. My course during the first year you unanimously ratified when you again at Herkimer, re-chose me for the highest office in your gift. My official acts for the past term you will now have an opportunity to pass upon. What your judgment may be I cannot foretell, but I have the proud consciousness of a duty performed in the best of my ability for your interests alone and not for any personal aggrandizement.

Before proceeding farther with my report I wish to compliment the officers and members of the several committees upon the faithful performance of their many, varied and difficult duties during the past year. Never did a presiding officer receive a more hearty and willing support from his co-workers in the cause than has been accorded me. All have labored early and late for the success of our Association. I would certainly be unfaithful to the dictates of heart and conscience if I did not say to you that the Secretary of this Association, in my opinion, is entitled to more credit than any other one officer connected with the Association. The business-like manner in which he has conducted the affairs of his office has been a great help towards placing this Association upon the sound financial and business basis it stands to-day.

The financial condition of our organization is always a matter of prime importance, and beyond stating the fact that our financial standing is better to-day than for many years, for by keeping our expenses within our income we have a balance in our treasury of \$664.34, and that too after paying all bills that have been presented. I shall leave the matter to the report of the Treasurer.

The year has been a marked one as regards the growth of this Association. There has been enrolled among us 72 new organizations. I have officially visited a number of departments in the State and have found them in a most healthy and prosperous condition and all feeling a deep interest in the workings of the Association. The work of the several committees is entitled to our attention.

The Executive Committee, while its labors have not been so arduous as last year, they have faithfully performed their duty as the report of their chairman will show.

But the Law and Legislative Committee are entitled to more than a passing notice. For to those two committees and to them along are you indebted for every act passed last winter. The certification of the Insurance Laws was a bitter fight and resulted in a victory for us. The foreign insurance, to read: "All companies outside of the United States" was amended so it reads in Section 33: "All companies organized outside of the State of New York, but doing business in this State."

The chairmen of these two committees appeared before the Senate and Assembly Committees and succeeded in having this amendment, which saved for the firemen nearly \$200,000. The bill was closely watched until it was sent to the Governor for his signature. A person not accustomed to such legislation can hardly realize the amount of work required, for, remember, the insurance companies had their agents on the ground all the time working in their interests. Others have tried to claim some honor in this insurance 2 per cent tax law, but had it not been for the work of the Law and Legislative Committee the insurance companies would have been thousands of dollars richer to-day and the firemen as much poorer.

Another law, chapter 577, "an act referring to a preference in the appointments for all positions." This bill was sent to the chairman of the Legislative Committee by Judge Courtney, and by quietly attending to all the details necessary the bill became a law, placing the exempt firemen on an equal footing with discharged Union soldiers, and on our statue books will be found this law. This is another achievement for the firemen who are and have protected our homes from the dread enemy.

Agreeable to the resolution passed at the Watertown Convention a home was to be secured for all aged and disabled firemen and this required some considerable legislation: and again we find our Committee on hand ready to perform their duties. The facts briefly stated are these:

The State owned a piece of land in the City of Hudson containing 30 acres for which the State paid \$3,000, and a law was in force which forbid the sale of this land for a less price than that paid by the State.

A bill was introduced giving the Land Board the right to sell this land for a price in their judgment sufficient for the State to relinquish her title, and almost the entire session was over before the bill was cleared from the Committee and was finally passed and that on the last day of the session, and the Governor's signature made it a law, and the Land Board at a meeting held in April gave to the Firemen's Home Association the title of this land for \$300. As soon as the title had been secured a building was commenced, notices were sent out asking the firemen 50 cents per capita. A few thousand of the boys responded, but about this time a paper printed in the City of New York, called *The Firemen's Herald*, came out and advised all firemen not to pay one penny toward the Home, as it was being managed by a set of politicians. Well, if you are to lose confidence, gentlemen, in such men as compose the Board of Trustees and follow the lead of one whose only complaint is, "he had not been consulted," I am very much disappointed in the firemen of this Empire State. Every one of these Trustees have not only the interest of the future protection of every needy fireman who has ever worn the red jacket and done duty in this State, giving their time and money for such a worthy purpose and then to be accused of being politicians of a low order seems unjust. You stand as the first State Fire Association organized in the United States; you have the largest organization and you have the first Home. You are here, delegates, to either condemn or accept of what has been done, and when the report is made I have no doubt as to the result of your unanimous decision.

I now come to a very sad part of my task in fact no one here feels more keenly my position in the matter. I frankly admit my inability to do justice to this part of my address. Two years ago, in Watertown, when you made your choice of President, my opponent, a man of honor, ability and integrity, a member of this organization from its infancy, was with us, enthusiastic and devoted to the cause.

On Saturday, July 9th, that man was laid to rest. Yes, my friends, all that was mortal of our brother William H. Cole of Watertown, was, by kind and tender hands, laid in the silent grave. He has gone to that last rest. His sleeping knows no waking before the judgment day. That man who was in all the enjoyment of health and honored position, with a loved companion enjoying his kind heartedness, is not more. He had made full preparation to be with us to-day, but again we remember those prophetic words; "Man proposes, but God disposes." Brother Cole has had many positions of trust and honor in this Association, and no one knew him but to love and respect him. His life has been such that tears came to the eyes of hundreds of his friends when the news of his death was, with lightning speed hurled over the country. Our friend and brother is dead. The lonely, heartbroken companion needs our sympathy and we all mingle our tears with her and with fervent prayers ask the God who watches and cares for us all to be with her in her sadness.

Other homes have been visited by the death Angel and several brothers, brave and true, have answered the roll call of the invisible but Mighty Chieftain and have passed to that bourne from whence no traveler ever returns.

To the families of these departed heroes we extend our heartfelt sympathy, and we with them drop a tear to the memory of the departed ones.

And now, gentlemen, in conclusion let me urge upon every one the importance of attending to all duties which you have been sent here for. Let business receive your first attention, and if anything has gone wrong since our last meeting remember here is the place, now is the time to have all crooked things made straight. Join hands for one purpose and let that purpose be a noble one. Lay aside all feelings of jealousy and contention and work only for each other's good. This is my last official act as your presiding officer, and if I have done anything commendable I am entitled to no praise for I have only done my duty, and no man is entitled to praise for doing that, and I only hope to command your respect in the future as in the past. The honors you have bestowed upon me I appreciate, and will always bear you gratefully in my memory and hope that my successor may receive at your hands the same cordial support you have so kindly given me.

Again, brother firemen, thanking you one and all for your attention and cordial support and respect I await the further pleasure of the convention.

1535. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Aug. 31, 1892.

Charles S. Rogers of Hudson, the retiring president of the New York State Firemen's Association, at the recent meeting at Niagara Falls, delivered an eloquent address upon retiring from his office which has been given wide publicity by the press. His speech is printed in full in the Hudson *Republican* of August 23d. Ernest Hassinger, foreman of Snyder Hose Co. of this village, has in his possession a copy of the same, and it can be seen on application to him. The speech is too long to be printed in THE POST.

1536. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Aug. 5, 1892. – A Slick Job – The Post Office Robbed and Considerable Booty Secured.

This morning between three and four o'clock burglars entered the post-office and blew open the safe by drilling a hole into the door, after which dynamite did the rest.

At the time mentioned, officers C. E. Abeel and Henry Krantz were standing in front of John C. Davis & Co.'s boot and shoe store, when they heard two pistol shots fired in quick succession apparently on the corner of Main and James streets. Both officers ran up the streets. Officer Abeel ran around the block into Jane street when he heard a dull thud which he supposed was caused by some horse kicking in a stable after which all was quiet, and the officers were puzzled to know what it all meant.

When the office was opened this morning, the mystery was cleared up. The safe door was found on the floor blown to pieces and the contents of the safe consisting of postage stamps, registered letters and money had been looted. The thieves gained entrance through a back door by breaking a pane of glass to the sash, thus enabling them to unlock the door. They then went to work and drilled a hole into the

safe door just above the lock, and filling it with powder or dynamite, accomplished their object. It was just before the blast was fired that the pistol shots were heard by the officers, showing that the burglars had confederates on the outside. A coat belonging to one of the office clerks was hung over the safe door to muffle the sound of the explosion. A small sledge hammer was found lying upon the floor, which had been used in doing part of the burglar's work.

The amount in stamps and money stolen is not known by the postmaster and it can be ascertained only after an examination by the postoffice inspectors. It is known that several hundred dollars worth of stamps are gone. There is no clew to the perpetrators.

1537. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Aug. 19, 1892. – Our Common Council. The Business Transacted at the Meeting Held Aug. 18th.

The Board of Directors held a special meeting in their room in Firemen's Hall on Thursday evening, Aug 18th. Present, President Van Keuren, Directors Davis, Cunyes, McNally, Huyck and Curley. President Van Keuren presided.

The object of the meeting was to take action on any and all business that had accumulated since the last meeting of the Board.

Counsellor Davis was present and read the deed of the property lately purchased by the village of Mrs. Benjamin Artman for the location of the stone crusher. The deed proved satisfactory to the Board and Mr. Davis will have the same recorded in the Ulster County Clerk's Office.

A petition of a large number of taxpayers asking for a double crosswalk across Market street, from the residence of Wm. F. Russell to the corner of Ulster avenue, was received and placed on file.

Communication from Mrs. Peter B. Myer stating that the recent heavy rains had washed out the curb and gutter on Myer street and the water was damaging her garden; she asked the Board to remedy this trouble at once. On motion the street commissioner was directed to attend to this matter.

Communication from Superintendent of Census, asking for information concerning taxes raised was referred to the Clerk to furnish the necessary information.

Petition from Mrs. S. G. Searing in regard to sewer running through her premises was presented and on motion the Board will act as a committee of the whole and examine same.

Petition from Samuel Truesdale stating that sewer was washing out his land on East Bridge street was also referred to the Board as a committee of the whole.

On motion the Board as a committee are to examine the sewer in the rear of Mr. Curley's and other property on Partition street. Carried.

The Finance committee reported favorable on several bills which were ordered paid.

Mr. Cunyes stated that the Board out of session had given permission to the fire companies to return to their rooms in Firemen's Hall, and he asked the Board to now ratify the action taken which was done.

Martin Cantine asked for and was granted a duplicate exemption certification, the original being lost.

A large number of bills were read by the Clerk which were ordered paid or referred to the Finance committee.

Collector J. Smith Elmendorf rendered the following report:

Collected and paid Treasurer on General Fund,	\$7,073.96
Road Fund,	2,075.00
Dog Tax,	64.50
Balance uncollected on General Fund,	187.06

The collector asked for and was granted an extension of 30 days.

On motion the President appointed McNally, Curley and Cunyes a committee to distribute the crushed stone about the streets.

On motion taxpayers are allowed to get crushed stone to be placed in the streets in front of their property, providing they pay for the drawing themselves, and get consent of the committee on distribution and be under the supervision of the Street Commissioner.

Mr. Davis stated that when the bills had been paid that were now before the Board, the general fund, road fund and special fund would be entirely wiped out.

After considerable discussion in regard to the matter a motion was made and carried that the President appoint a committee to make out a report of the monies received and paid out this year and to call a public meeting at the court room so the same can be submitted to the taxpayers.

The President appointed as such committee, Messrs. Davis and McNally.

B. M. Coon appeared before the Board and stated that he had been served with a complaint by the attorneys of the Water Company and that the case was expected to come up for trial at the November Court providing the case can be reached on the calendar.

The street commissioner was ordered to make and inventory of all tools, etc., now in his possession and present the same at the next meeting of the Board.

On motion Board adjourned.

1538. Postage Stamp, 2 cent US. Landing of Columbus. [light purple]

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1539. Daily Republican, Hudson, NY. August 23, 1892. Copake Lake – A Place Where Fishing Can be Enjoyed by Anybody.

This is a very pretty little sheet of water, as very many know outside of its immediate vicinity. It has been for years quite a summer resort for people of moderate means who want a quiet place and pleasant recreation. Here no railway shriek disturbs the air and the post office is nearly three miles away, so the news and the newspaper doesn't disturb anybody. Said the sojourner of a week to the writer the other day on his arrival at the "Herder Cottage": "Have you a newspaper with you? I am hungry for news. Haven't known what was going on in the world for four days and you tell me there has been a great deal going on." Well we helped him out. But people can, of course, have as many papers as they like and letters too, if they have friends to write them, two or three times a day if they will only go to the postoffice at Craryville often enough.

There are at present quite a number of summer guests from New York, Brooklyn and elsewhere at Mrs. Harder's, at Mr. Adelbert Conklin's and we believe at the "Island." It is very enjoyable these bright and pleasant summer days at the "Herder Cottage," recently enlarged, and fortunate indeed are the people who have secured quarters there. At Mr. Conklin's also, everything looks in fine order and we hear the home well spoken of. Mrs. "Herder's Grove" is a favorite place for "camping out" parties and for picnics, both public and private, or perhaps we should say family parties. As to the entertainment furnished at the "Cottage" there is no need to speak. It speaks for itself. Last Sunday Mrs. H. and her assistants dined thirty-four people, including twelve wheelmen and a driving party from Hudson, and more were coming just as we left, at 4 p. m., and we dare say they too wanted dinner. How they fared we do not know, nor do we know how it was managed to supply the wants of so many people, very few of whom were expected. But it was done, and well done too.

As for the recreations at Copake Lake besides that of absolute idleness, fishing is the chief and in fact the only one. It is the proper thing to do, and generally accords with the inclination of men and women alike. When the sun is not too powerful the lake is dotted with boats filled with fisherman and women intent on seducing the bass and perch to take the tempting bait. Crickets are the best, and the "cricket boys" having got a corner on this market have put the price up to fifty cents a hundred – a hitherto unheard of figure. But when a fisherman wants to get out on the lake and scoop the fish out and carry them away by the bucket full, he don't mind the expense. Generally, with now and then an exception, they come back in a different mood. They haven't caught many, the sun was too hot, or something. Anyhow the fish wouldn't bite – much. But they all had the fun of rowing round the lake, putting down and pulling up the heavy stones used for anchors, blistering their tender hands if not used to outdoor

labor, and coming ashore in due time for meals, tired and hungry. There is fun in fishing. Everybody says so, and what everybody says must be true. This ends the chapter.

1540. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Aug. 13, 1892. – Another Sad Death. – Mrs. Edward Ryan Dies Suddenly at Connolly's Hotel.

Friday evening, Mrs. Edward Ryan of this village, visited her sister, Mrs. George M. Connolly, at Connolly's Hotel near Malden, and participated with the summer boarders in an evening dance. She complained of feeling faint and almost immediately expired. It is supposed heart disease was the cause of her death. Coroner Kemble gave permission for the removal of the body and it was brought to her residence here. Arrangement for the funeral had not been made up to the time THE POST went to press.

1541. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Sept. 15, 1892. – Republican Club Meeting.

At the adjourned meeting of the Republican Club held at the court room, Wednesday evening, Sept. 14th, Peter Cantine presided and F. S. Wickham acted as secretary.

Committee on permanent organization reported the following named persons as officers of the club and on motion they were unanimously confirmed: President, John E. Lasher. Vice-Presidents, Geo. A. Davidson, Thomas J. Barritt, Uriah Van Etten, James H. Van Keuren, Thos. Maxwell, George W. Washburn, Wellington Porter, Egbert Whittaker, Robt. A. Snyder, Austin E. Preston, Theodore B. Cornwell, Wm. E. Van Buskirk, Michael F. Kenney, Patrick Maxwell, H. M. Hover, Louis Henkle, Robert Lent, Charles Brink, Jacob Arold, Adam H. Lasher, Christopher S. Lowther, Jacob Carn, Wm. E. Brink, Samuel F. Hommel, D. W. Hommel, Jesse Fiero, Elisha C. Paradise, Peter Richardson, Peter A. Hommel. Corresponding Secretary, John D. Fratsher. Recording Secretary, William H. Hommel. Treasurer, John A. Snyder. Executive Committee, Peter Cantine, John C. Davis, Warren Kemble, H. Dwight Laffin.

1542. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Sept. 16, 1892.

The case of Philip Mattes, appellant, against Mrs. Frankel, et al respondents, has just been decided by the General Term of the Supreme Court in favor of the respondents. The question was about the right to use the alleyway between Mrs. Genthner's and Mr. Mattes' house in this village. The respondents claimed the right to use it under their deed from Mr. Mattes. The latter disputed it, and commenced to build a fence which the respondents tore down. Mr. Mattes was defeated on the trial at Kingston, and he appealed. It was argued before the General Term at Albany by Peter Cantine for Mr. Mattes and Carroll Whitaker for the respondents. In May last and the General Term now affirms the judgment with costs. The opinion is written by Judge Putnam and is concurred in by the other judges.

1543. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Sept. 16, 1892.

A large crowd of people assembled Thursday evening on the Exchange Hotel Square to witness the raising of the Harrison and Reid banner. Ex-Assemblyman George A. Davidson made a few remarks from the balcony of the hotel and was followed by Hon. Peter Cantine who made a short address and the meeting adjourned to the Opera House where it was addressed by Jacob Kemple, of Wheeling, West Virginia, who appeared in place of Col. R. E. Fraser, of Michigan, who was advertised as the speaker of the evening, but who was suddenly summoned home on account of illness in his family. The West Camp brass band was in attendance and played several pieces very nicely, considering the short time they have been organized. They have the talent, which with proper training, will some day make out of them a very good band. The boys should be encouraged to go ahead. The Lasher Republican Guard made a short street parade with their canon and fired several salutes.

1544. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Sept. 15, 1892. - The Wards Row Again – Three Crews, and “Josh” and “Ed” Won.

Two thousand persons assembled at Cornwall Tuesday to witness the boat race between the Ward brothers in celebration of their victory over the world's four-oared crews at Saratoga Lake 21 years ago. It was also the 46 birthday of the younger brother, Ellis, who is trainer for the Manhattan Athletic Club crew.

The water was very rough and the wind blew a gale, but as there was no money in postponement the Wards said the race would come off, and it did. The boats shipped water, and the men were wet through when the race was over. The course was about a mile and a half, with one turn. The officials selected were: Referee – William Blakie, of New York; Judges at start and finish – Thomas Fearon, of Yonkers; Charles A. Peverelly, of New York; George A. Price of Cornwall. Judge at turning boat – Clarence Campbell of Cornwall. Timekeeper – Joseph F. Donoghue, of Newburgh.

The first race was between "Josh" and "Ed" in the Fay, "Gil" and his son Harry in the May and Ellis and Charles in the Stranger. "Josh" and "Ed" wore the old colors – Red and white. The start was a good one, with the Fay in the lead and it kept ahead to the finish, turning the stake about a length ahead, which distance was increased on the home stretch amazingly. "Josh" and "Ed" winning 10:43 1-2, by fully twenty lengths ahead of the Fay. [sic] This was the first race Harry ever participated in, he being called in at the last moment, owing to his nephew, Dan, declining to row on account of some dissatisfaction. Charles was substituted for "Hank" owing to his desire to participate in the four brother's race, his age and ill-health compelling him to forego one of the contests.

In the original four brother's double-scutt race "Josh" and "Gil" rowed against "Hank" and Ellis, the latter crew being made up of the elder and younger brother. It was very much one sided, "Josh" and "Gil" having it all their own way. Had they tried hard the distance at the finish could have been an eighth of a mile, but the fluffy wind gave them an excuse to almost stop after turning the stake. Time – 12:52. A score of persons who witnessed the race in 1871 were present at the great contest. The brothers said it was probably the last time they would ever row together again in a race. "Hank" is 65, "Josh" 64, "Gil" 50, Charles 52, Ellis 46.

1545. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Sept. 17, 1892.

Friday afternoon, William R. Sheffield was presented with a gold watch, the gift of the employees of the Sheffield Manufacturing Co., on the occasion of his retiring from the management of the Co.'s business. On the inside case is engraved this inscription: "Presented to William R. Sheffield by employees of Sheffield Manufacturing Co," Outside case one side bears the monogram W. R. S., and the other the date 1892.

1546. Postage Stamp – 1 cent US – Columbus in Sight of Land. [aqua]

1547. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Sept. 13, 1892. – Vital Statistics. *To the Editor of the Post:*

We are not surprised at the item in the POST of the 10th from Thomas S. Dawes. It is now understood that he is the common scold of the village, and as our citizens refuse to *listen* to his abuse of every body and everything, he is now trying to make them read his stuff. If Dr. Dawes desires to enter into a discussion of *efficiency or personalities* we are ready to meet him.

He evidently knows little or nothing about the Health Laws even if he happens to be a useless member of the State Board of Health by reason of events not within his control.

If any one sufficiently interested will read sections one and five of the laws of 1888, he will see that we are going along in the line of our duty. The whole difficulty is that we think parents must furnish the Board with birth notices free, while Dr. Dawes thinks the physician must do so and charge for it.

Let me inform Dr. Dawes that we did not appoint a village Registrar by advice of any lawyer. On the contrary we were advised by an attorney to appoint the town Registrar, but we thought it better under the law to keep the town and village records separate and distinct as the law requires.

If the object of the physician (as Dr. Dawes' communication admits) is to share in and realize one-half of the fee of the Registrar, where is the law to sustain it? He calls the fee a pittance; probably it is so as compared with the compensation received by him in attending confinement cases. But why share in the fee of another?

He says that heretofore the physicians in attendance have handed in the certificates of birth and have been allowed twenty-five cents for such service by the Board of Auditors.

So much worse for the doctor, for what right has he to fees belonging to others?

He doesn't allow the Registrar to share in and realize one-half the fees that he (the doctor) receives for professional service rendered. Edward S. Gibson, President Health Board. Dated Sept. 12th.

1548. Entitled to It.

Rapid Hose Company arrived home from Catskill at about 7:45 o'clock Wednesday evening. They were met at the dock by F. H. Griffiths Uniformed Division K. of P., who escorted them to the Hone street engine house and thence to Washington Hall where a pleasant social time was had. Crowds of people were out to witness the parade and the procession was a most imposing one. The company did not win the prize of \$100 offered for the finest appearing company in line, but the money belonged to them and the Catskill people and others were unanimous in their opinion that the Rapids eclipsed any organization in line in point of good looks and handsome uniforms. A company from Troy, without any carriage, each member being dressed in blue trousers and red shirts was awarded the prize. Among the judges were two from Troy and one from Albany. The Troy company kept the parade waiting for about an hour and a half, and then the procession started without them in line, but they got the prize just the same. The Rapids were clearly entitled to it and surprise was expressed on every hand when the decision of the judges was announced. *Kingston Express*, [hand dated Octo 7/92]

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1549. The Kingston Leader, Kingston, NY. May 19, 1892.

The firemen of Saugerties are in a state of excitement, rising from the action of the Board of Directors of the village in electing two Chief Engineers some time ago. When the new Board took office William V. Burhans was elected Chief. Without rescinding his election, James Reynolds was subsequently elected to the same office. On Monday evening Chief Burhans ordered out the fire department to test hose at the foot of McCarthy street. When Snyder Hose reached the appointed place, Reynolds, claiming to be the Chief, forbade the company to make the test, and the water was shut off so that it could not be made. The company then returned to the headquarters in Firemen's Hall in an orderly manner.

Reynolds then ordered Snyder Hose Co. to test hose at the same place on Tuesday evening. Fireman Ernest Hassinger of Snyder Hose, thereupon informed Reynolds that his company did not recognize him as Chief Engineer. Reynolds then gathered a crowd, composed largely of members of Laflin Hose Co. the only company in the department that recognizes him, and took Snyder's truck out of Firemen's Hall and performed the test. While there were a good many hard words over the incident there were no blows; but Snyder Hose Co. at once held a meeting and resolved to leave the village fire department. The members therefore took all their paraphernalia out of Firemen's Hall, and will hereafter act as an independent company, hiring rooms in Russell Block. Washington Hook and Ladder Company, which nominated Burhans for Chief Engineer met in their rooms on Wednesday evening and decided to take the same action as that taken by Snyder Hose. This leaves Reynolds without support as Chief Engineer except from Laflin Hose Co. The matter has caused much talk and the village policy of the Board of Directors in the election of Chief Engineer is very severely criticized.

1550. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Aug. 30, 1892.

The steamer M. Martin, of the day line, was run into to-day at the Long Dock, by her consort the J. H. Tremper, and sustained damage that made it necessary to run her upon the flats. No lives were lost.

The freight was shifted and she proceeded to Athens, where she will be hauled out on the ways and repaired.

1551. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Sept. 27, 1892.

At the taxpayers election to-day, the proposition to raise \$2,000 by tax to be expended in repairing sewers and washouts and for the purpose of putting crushed stone on the streets was carried by a majority of 31. The vote stood 59 for and 22 against.

1552. It is said that a certain lady in Rondout whose husband got in the habit of coming home tipsy at night, resolved to try fright on him for a cure. She dressed up in satanic masquerade, and met him in the moonlight. "Come to me, I am the devil," said she, in slow sepulchral tones. "Is that so?" he replied. "Shake, old boy, I'm yer brother-in-law. I married yer sister." *Kingston Leader*.

1553. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Sept. 11, 1893.

James Williamson of New York, has presented to Ernest Hassinger an elegant photograph of the New York Veteran Volunteer Fireman's Company taken on Union Square by Anderson upon the return from their California trip. The picture shows 104 men drawing their old gooseneck machine. Also accompanying it is an excellent large size photograph of Harry Howard, the last living ex-chief of New York volunteer fire department. Both pictures can be seen at Ziegler's restaurant.

1554. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Oct. 7, 1892.

A large collection of firemen's badges gathered at the Tri-County convention at Catskill Wednesday can be seen in one of the show windows of the store of John C. Davis & Co. The collection was made by Ernest Hassinger, foreman of Snyder Hose Co.

1555. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Oct. 7, 1892.

The handsome carriage of Young America Hose, which was on the Emeline when she sank, Wednesday night, was taken off yesterday morning, under the direction of Chief Lynes and C. G. Coffin. It was transferred to the tug Grace and then put on shore and taken to Osborn Hose house. The carriage was not damaged in the least, and will be sent to Poughkeepsie to-day. A number of the firemen lost their hats on the steamer – *Catskill Mail, Oct 7th*.

1556. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Oct. 7, 1892.

A note addressed to THE POST under date of Oct 6th, by one of the most prominent merchants of Catskill says: "I wish to write a word of encouragement to Snyder Hose Co. In the opinion of all from whom I have heard, they made the best appearance of any company in the line, and are justly entitled to the award for the "Finest Co." When passing, our party, consisting of a majority of ladies, (and who but the ladies are the best judges), the expressions were unanimously in favor of the Saugerties laddies."

1557. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Oct. 7, 1892.

Washington Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1, will hold a fair in December next, the proceeds to be applied towards completing the new uniforms for the company. The date has been fixed for the 12th to the 16th, both inclusive. In view of the fact that the Tri-County Convention is to be held in Saugerties next year, this action on part of the Hooks is commendable, and it is hoped all will contribute towards so worthy an object. It is desirable that Laflin Hose Co. No. 2 be also handsomely uniformed, and at the proper time, no doubt the company will take action in the matter.

1558. Put Harrison on the Steeple. (By telegraph to the Herald.)

Rondout, N. Y. Oct. 10, 1892. – When the carpenters who were working on the new Methodist Church in Madalin, in Dutchess county, ceased work Saturday night, General Watts De Puyster appeared with a

large portrait of President Harrison, which he ordered one of the men to nail upon the top of the church steeple.

General De Puyster is paying for the building of the church, so, though greatly astonished at so strange a request, the portrait was posted upon several large boards, which were nailed at the top of the steeple.

A democrat saw the picture early Sunday morning and soon spread the news, which attracted a large crowd. An active young man who is an enthusiastic Cleveland man ascended the steeple at the risk of his life and pasted a picture of Cleveland over that of Harrison. The crowd cheered lustily.

The excitement grew to such an extent that church goers gave up all ideas of attending divine worship.

One of General De Puyster's employes attempted to climb the steeple, but was set upon and dragged away. A general fight ensued. While it was in progress the man with Harrison's picture broke away and succeeded in climbing out of reach and covering the picture of the democratic candidate.

No sooner had he reached ground than another man succeeded in getting above the crowd and amid a shower of stones climbed slowly upward. Soon Cleveland's picture was again in place. By this time almost every citizen in the town was around the church.

General De Puyster, who is a very bitter republican, was very angry and demanded that the picture of Cleveland be torn down. Great efforts were made to obey his command, but the democrats were determined and the picture of Cleveland remained in its conspicuous place all day.

The best citizens are angered over the profanation of the Sabbath, and General De Puyster censured for having Harrison's picture put on the steeple in the first place. The General is not very popular. He is building the church out of spite, he having been unable to run the other Methodist church in the place.

1559. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Aug. 15, 1893.

The State Firemens' convention is now in session at Coney Island. Of the Saugerties delegates, Ernest Hassinger represents Snyder Hose Co., Edward Lynk, Jr. represents Laflin Hose Co. [this full name and company are crossed out in pencil], and Peter Snyder represents Washington Hook & Ladder Co.

1560. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Oct. 8, 1892. – Mrs. Lasher at Rest.

Mrs. John E. Lasher passed away Friday afternoon at half-past five o'clock, after a long and painful illness of over nine months. Her life had been despaired of for some time and she knew it and was resigned and thoroughly prepared to meet it and waited patiently and calmly for the end to come. Mrs. Lasher's sufferings have been terribly severe for months and seemed beyond human endurance, but she bore them all with wonderful fortitude, and during all the weary months of excruciating suffering not even a murmur of complaint has been heard to escape from her lips. None but words of cheer and comfort to her household and to all who came in contact with her have been heard, and a touching devotion manifested to her husband.

Mrs. Lasher was a remarkably intelligent lady, of broad mind, a noble woman of fine feelings, a deep heartfelt emotion, and to know her was to love her. One of God's magnificent children has fallen asleep; pure in heart, childlike in faith, so unpretending, always that mild and inspiring dignity has characterized her daily life. Nothing has been wanting to make her married life enjoyable and lively in her delightful home or when traveling abroad.

Nothing was too good for Mrs. Lasher at any time, and her husband provided the best at any cost or trouble. The most prominent medical skill was always summoned to her side when necessary and most tenderly was she ministered to in her illness; and now what is her husband's irreparable loss, is her unspeakable gain.

She had hoped to see the new organ, the gift of her husband to the Reformed Church, and hear its sweet music. This gift was her delight. She had also hoped to see the memorial window in the organ gallery bearing her name as the donor. All of this was not her's to see and hear in the church on earth, and instead of this earthly pleasure she was borne hence to hear the transcendent music in the church triumphant on high.

Many grand and sublime utterances have fallen from Mrs. Lasher's lips during her protracted illness too sacred to be made public. She lived and died a christian. [sic] Mr. Lasher was the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community.

"So fades a summer cloud away, So dies a wave along the shore, While heaven and earth combine to say How blest the righteous when she dies."

1561. Died in this village, Oct. 7th, Helen M. Knapp, wife of John E. Lasher, aged 57 years, 1 month and 4 days. Funeral from residence to-morrow (Sunday) at 2 o'clock. [hand dated 1892, very faintly]

1562. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. June 28, 1893.

A Viking ship passed Saugerties Tuesday afternoon in tow of a large tug on her way to the World's Fair, via the Erie canal and the lakes. A large number of our people gathered at different standpoints and looked at this curious piece of marine architecture as it passed by.

1563. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. June 28, 1893.

Snyder Hose Co. and Washington Hook & Ladder Co. drill evenings on the field adjoining Fireman's Hall. The grounds are lighted with electric lights. Laflin Hose Co. drills on the premises of Col. Laflin on West Bridge street. The Exempts do not drill any-where at present. It is probable they will when they uniform themselves.

1564. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Oct. 1, 1892. – In memory of "Backus" – His Songs Had Reference to Interesting Local Events.

The mention of "Old Backus" will recall to the minds of the older residents of Kingston a grotesque figure of an old man, entering the village, seated in a rams-hackle wagon drawn by another horse with many angles and protuberances and followed by a lean and hungry pack of dogs, which, with himself were the objects of the jibes and teasings of the street arabs, who were then, as now, impish to an exasperating degree. Drawing up his wagon at some street corner, he would produce an aged and wheezy violin, playing and singing ballads of his own composition, which, at intervals, he would offer for sale. Though shattered in mind "Backus" had sufficient wit to parry and thrust with skill. More than one would-be jester would slink away amid the laughter of the crowd and smarting under the old man's repartee. Many of his songs were founded on some event, as when a Baptist minister was tried for drowning his wife and child in the Esopus creek at Saugerties. Four lines of the song ran thus:
A Baptist priest went sailing On Esopus' ripping tide, But home returned bewailing, For drowned were his child and bride.

It is said "Backus" was once a school teacher of note, either in Kingston or Saugerties where he lived during the latter days and was a man with scholarly tastes and habits. When too old to help himself, and being destitute, the old man was brought to the county jail and made as comfortable as possible until his death some two weeks afterward. *Kingston Express*

1565. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Oct. 1, 1892. – Nancy Hanks to Try Again – She will Have a Go at Her 2:04 on Oct 29th.

Sedalia, Mo., Sept. 30 – The Missouri State Fair Association has made public the programme for the fall trotting meeting, Oct. 25 to 29 inclusive. It comprises fifteen events, including the races against records by Nancy Hanks and Martha Wilkes over the kite track to beat her record of 2:08, and on the following day will send Nancy Hanks to beat her record. For the exhibitions which Martha and Nancy will give the association will pay Mr. Doble \$5,000. – Great crowds are anticipated.

Nancy's latest time on a regulation track, 2:04, at Terre Haute, Ind., Wednesday, has filled horsemen here with excitement.

Ernest Hassinger's Scrapbook

Many think that she will bring the record nearer the two-minute mark, but others, the more conservative men, say that she has reached the top notch of her speed.

1566. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Sept. 18, 1893.

Matthew T. Trumbour was found dead in his cell at Clinton Prison Sunday morning from heart disease. He was the cashier of the Ulster County Savings Institution at Kingston, and with the president, James E. Ostrander, was convicted of wrecking the institution. They were sentenced in February last. Trumbour was 67 years old. He leaves a young wife, who visited him only last week.

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1567. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Oct. 5, 1892.

Washington H. & L. Co. will turn out 40 uniformed men to receive Snyder Hose this evening. Through the efforts of Capt. Palmer, of the Lasher Guards, a fund has been raised to procure illuminating material to be used this evening on the return of Snyder Hose Co. Everybody should extend a hearty welcome home to our firemen this evening. Illuminate all along the line of march, show them that you appreciate their efforts to make the Saugerties fire department amount to something.

1568. The following will be the line of march of Snyder Hose and their escorts on their return from Catskill this evening. From steamboat wharf to McCarthy street, to Partition, to Russell, to Washington avenue, to Lafayette to Partition to Firemen's Hall.

1569. Snyder Hose Company in the elegant uniforms and drawing their handsome new carriage made a short street parade this morning before leaving for Catskill where they took part in the parade of the Tri-County Convention. The Albany City Band of 24 pieces furnished the music, and the boys made a fine appearance. When the steamer Saugerties left her wharf here she was well loaded with Saugerties people who accompanied the fire laddies on their first visit to the Tri-County Convention. The streets have a deserted appearance and in many cases places of business is closed for the day.

1570. The organ recital and vocal concert Tuesday night in the Reformed Church was a grand success. An audience fully five hundred or more, appreciated the most brilliant array of instrumental and vocal talent that Saugerties people have listened to in a long time. Prof. Taft of New York who exhibited the organ, is a famous organist and held the audience in rapt attention. Mrs. Schriber, as soloist, doubtless has few equals in her style, manner and attractive appearance and masterly presentation of her selections. Mr. Melven Stevens, who so recently returned from Europe has a grand full and highly cultivated voice and was much appreciated. Miss Mary L. Booth, of Brooklyn, delighted the audience with her full clear contralto voice and graceful manner. The organ work of Mr. W. Whiting Fredenberg, the organist and musical director of the First Reformed Church of Kingston, was superb throughout and he fully established his reputation as an organist of power and brilliancy. A beautiful bouquet [*sic*] of flowers was presented to those who sang and also to the organist. The Reformed Church may well be congratulated on its many and splendid improvements.

1571. The Telegraph, Saugerties, NY. July 6th, 1893.

President Cleveland has called Congress to convene on the 7th of August, to take action in regard to the financial situation, so far as it can be effected by legislation.

1572. The Telegraph, Saugerties, NY. July 6th, 1893.

Dr. Thomas S. Dawes, who suffered a paralytic stroke some days ago, is very much improved. He is regaining the use of his left side, and is able to get out-of-doors in a wheel-chair.

1573. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Oct. 5, 1892. – Meeting of the Tri-County Firemen's Association. - The Fire Fighters do Business Like Veteran Legislators, Saugerties Gets the Convention Next Year. The Third Annual Convention of the Tri-County Firemen's Association, composed of the fire organizations of Greene, Columbia and Ulster counties, convened in the Nelida Theatre in Catskill, Tuesday morning at 10: 30 o'clock. President T. J. Rifenbary, of Kingston presided. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Father Finneran of St. Patrick's church. President Wiley, of the Village Board of Trustees, welcomed the delegates in a most appropriate address.

President Rifenbary responded in behalf of the association, thanking the citizens of Catskill for their cordial welcome.

A committee on credentials was appointed and the convention took a recess until 1 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The convention was called to order about 1:30 P. M., and the committee on credentials immediately made their report.

The secretary reported a membership of 32 fire organizations, G. K. Porter Engine Co., of Cairo, having joined since last meeting of the association.

The treasurer reported that the balance on hand at last convention was \$165.03; received during the year and at the present convention \$299.00; disbursements, \$122.95; leaving a balance in the treasury of \$332.08.

This report was received with great satisfaction by the convention.

The election of President was next in order. Jas. G. Tubby, of Kingston, nominated Chas. G. Coffin, of Catskill, for the office, and W. C. Brady, of Athens, offered the name of D. W. Bugel, of Hudson.

At this point the question was raised on Section 1 of the by-laws, as to whether a company must pay \$2 membership fee for each of its delegates or if the \$2 mentioned in the section answered for two delegates. This was the thread of discord in the convention and was repeatedly brought up until just before adjournment it was disposed of by the appointment of a committee to report on an amendment to the by-law.

On a ballot being taken for president C. G. Coffin was found to have received 56 votes, and D. W. Bugle 42 votes. Mr. Coffin was declared president and escorted to the chair.

C. J. Brown, of Hudson, was unanimously re-elected secretary, and George L. Wachmeyer, of Kingston, was elected treasurer.

The following were elected vice-presidents; Geo. W. Newkirk, of Kingston; Geo. L. Perry, of Hudson; Irving Arnsfield, of Catskill; R. P. Barker, of Catskill, E. J. Lewis, of Saugerties; and Wm. Garoldseck, of Hudson.

Saugerties was named as the place for holding the next convention.

George T. Gaynor, of Catskill, was elected delegate to the State Firemen's Association.

Dr. Selden brought to the attention of the Association the project that was on foot to enlarge the boundaries of the Association by the formation of a Hudson River Firemen's Association, to embrace all the counties along the Hudson River from and including Westchester. It was decided [*sic*] to elect a committee of two from each county to consider the project, the committee to report at the next convention.

1574. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Oct. 6, 1892. – Catskill Taken by Storm. – The Tri-County Firemen Capture the Town, Which is Gracefully Surrendered to Them. – Saugerties Represented in the Splendid Pageant by the Best Appearing Company in Line, Although it Wasn't Awarded the Prize. – Snyder Hose Co. Royally Welcomed by Catskillians and Applauded All Along the line of March – A Fine Reception Tendered Them Upon Their Arrival Home – An Excursion Steamer Sunk – No Lives Lost.

Wednesday, October 5th, was a great day in Catskill, the occasion being the annual firemen's parade by the Tri-County Association. The whole village was gaily decorated with the National colors, and red white and blue bunting was to be seen everywhere. It is estimated at least five thousand visitors witnessed the finest parade the Association has given since its organization.

R. A. Snyder Hose Co. No. 1 made an excursion with the steamer Saugerties. In the morning, the company assembled at Fireman's Hall, and drawing their elegant new parade carriage, headed by the Albany City Band, marched to the boat amid the plaudits of crowds of crowds of people along the line of march. As they passed along, they presented a magnificent appearance, their marching being almost faultless. Arriving at the boat some little delay was occasioned by the wheels of the carriage being too high to go through the gangway, and they were taken off and smaller ones substituted. The boat left with about 500 or 600 excursionists on board. Landings were made at Tivoli, Malden and Smith's Landing, and safely arrived at Catskill between 10 and 11 o'clock. The company was met at the dock by a delegation of Jewell Hose Co. of Catskill, and escorted across the bridge to be assigned its position in line.

After delay unavoidable upon such occasions, the parade in four divisions, started. Young American Hose Co. No. 6, of Poughkeepsie, preceded by a platoon of police, headed the procession and the line began to move. Snyder Hose Co. was assigned to the second division, which it headed, and everywhere along the line of march received a perfect ovation from the onlookers. The company, in whose front marched chief Henry A. Ohley, first assistant W. V. Burhans, second assistant Albert Rowe, foreman, Ernest Hassinger, first assistant Frank A. Jewett, second assistant L. B. Stanton, and drill captain William Freligh, presented a brilliant appearance in their new and showy uniforms, and with their new carriage were the center of attraction wherever they appeared.

At the close of the parade, everybody supposed there was no question but that the judges would award the prize for the finest appearing company to Snyder Hose, and great was the disappointment when it was learned that the prize had been awarded to Osgood Engine Co. of Troy.

After the parade, Snyder Hose was quartered at the Windsor Hotel. After dinner the prize drills took place and the annual meet of the Tri-County Convention for 1892 was over.

About 5 o'clock the company started for the boat and arrived home safely about an hour thereafter. They were met on their arrival by Washington Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1, Laflin Hose Co. No. 2, Minnehaha Steamer No. 1, the Eureka Club, the William F. Russell Gun Squad and the Lasher Republican Guard, all of which headed by the Saugerties drum corps, escorted the company to its quarters in Fireman's Hall, after passing through some of the principal streets, which were lighted up with bon fires, colored fires, etc. Many buildings were tastefully decorated with flags and bunting in honor of the company.

The following protest was telegraphed C. G. Coffin at Catskill, president of the Tri-County Association: "The undersigned, foreman of R. A. Snyder Hose Co. No. 1, of Saugerties, hereby protests the decision of the judges appointed for the purpose of making the award for the finest appearing company in line, as the rules specified as to deportment and personnel of men a dress parade is out of place with the red shirt. E. Hassinger"

The *Catskill Daily Mail*, says of this decision:

"The prize of \$100 in gold for the finest appearing company in line was awarded to Osgood Steamer Co., of Troy. As to the award of this prize it causes much unfavorable comment. Had it been left to a vote of those who witnessed the parade, it would have gone to Snyder Hose Co., of Saugerties, by a large majority. The decision of the judges is universally criticized."

EXCURSION STEAMER SUNK.

The steamer Emeline, having on board Young America Hose Co. of Poughkeepsie, Niagara Steamer Co. of Poughkeepsie, and Eagle Engine Co. of Hyde Park, with their bands of music and friends, started out of the Catskill creek about 8 o'clock on their way home. Just as they turned the Hop'o'nose the steamer crashed on the rocks at Diamond Hill, breaking a great hole in her hull and settling down into the water.

A panic ensued and the terror stricken excursionists made mad efforts for safety. Some jumped into the water and were rescued with difficulty, while a large majority listened to the cooler heads, waited for assistance and were safely put ashore. The steamer sank broadside to the shore and not more than twenty feet from it, her bow resting on the rocks and her stern under water. After striking the rocks she stood up for a few minutes and then slowly settled over toward the channel. The frightened passengers scrambled to the shore side of the boat where most of them remained until taken off.

A pilot named L. Buchout had been engaged for the trip on account of his knowledge of the creek. He has had over 40 years experience as a pilot. He states that in rounding the Hop'o'nose he had the wheel and the regular pilot had charge of the bells. He acknowledges the steamer was running too fast and that this caused them to run upon the rocks. Those on board say the steamer was running very fast. No steam vessel can round the Hop'o'nose without slowing up, which is invariably done by steamers of all sizes, as the turn is too short for a vessel to answer her helm quick enough when under speed. That no one is drowned is a most fortunate circumstance.

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All exempt firemen who have no exemption certificates and who desire to file exemption papers with the county clerk can procure blank certificates from Ernest Hassinger by applying to him free of charge.

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1576. The Examiner is Issued Every Saturday Morning at Catskill, New York. Published by Trowbridge & Craigie, Fred W. Craigie, Editor. The Tri-County Firemen. – A Successful Convention, Parade and Tournament. – Notes and Incidents.

The third annual convention of the Tri-County Fireman's Association comprising the fire companies in Greene, Ulster and Columbia counties and in annual session at the Nelida Theatre on Tuesday at 11 o'clock a. m. The meeting was called to order by President Rifenbary, of Kingston.

Father Finneran, of St. Patrick's church, Catskill, opened the meeting with prayer, after which W. S. C. Wiley, president of the village, made a very appropriate address of welcome. He spoke in high terms of the volunteer firemen of the State, and complimented the efficient services they have rendered at all times and under all conditions. Mr. Wiley's remarks were well received by the large body of delegates present and all the time he was given great applause.

President Rifenbary, on behalf of the delegates, responded to the address of welcome in a forcible speech, in which he thanked the citizens of Catskill for the royal welcome extended to the Association.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:30 the delegates assembled, when the committee on credentials made its report. The following delegates were present:

Citizens Hose, Catskill – W. C. Pierson, H. M. C. Vedder, C. G. Coffin, L. R. Doty, G. L. Gaynor, Alex. Wiltse, Van. Person.

Cornell Hose, Rondout - Wm. Winter, jr. [sic]

Edmonds Hose, Hudson – Laban Decker, E. J. Race, Theo. Avery, E. H. Davis, Wm. H. Hawver, Peter Lahr, John Cunningham.

Evans Hooks, Hudson – F. E. Harvey, H. E. Buxbury, Thos. Hannon, S. R. Peake, Wm. Granger.

Excelsior Hose, Kingston – Stephen Shader, John E. Hull, A. Dudley.

Exempt Association, Hudson – Crawford Blake, S. W. Pierson.

Exempt Association, Kingston – J. G. Tubby, Lewis Koltz.

Hamilton Steamer, Coxsackie – J. H. Lampman.

Hoysradt Hose, Hudson – C. L. Smith, Wm. Elting, D. W. Bugel, F. A. Hallenbeck, A. W. Ham.

Hudson River Engine, Coxsackie – Geo. H. Scott, E. C. Hallenbeck, Jerome W. Hill, R. C. Hallock, Henry Van Bergen.

Jewell Hose, Catskill – Thos. Phillips, William Spahn.

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Kingston Hose, Kingston – Abram Plass, Joseph Kelley, G. W. Newkirk, T. J. Rifenbary.
Lafayette Hose, Valatie – L. Van Steenburgh.
Mackawomuck Engine, Athens – Eugene Wolfe, Robert Engle.
Ocean Engine, Chatham – H. A. Blunt, James Lamonte.
Osborn Hose, Catskill – Irving Arnsfield, H. G. Bates, P. D. Hitchcock, R. Lampman.
Phoenix Hose, Hudson – H. D. Miller, C. H. Bronk, Geo. Klemmer, A. J. Race, Wm. Geroldseck, Wm. Hudson.
Pioneer Engine, Ellenville – Martin Deschler, Jacob Ruppert.
Porter Engine, Cairo – E. W. Margison.
Rapid Hose, Rondout – G. P. Zeeh, Wm. Still, Geo. Wachmeyer, Jr.
Rescue Hooks, Athens, F. H. Eichorn, Douglas McKnight, W. C. Heady.
Rogers Hose, Hudson – George Petty, H. P. Osborn, W. A. Butts, H. P. Dakin, C. E. Niblett, Joseph Solomon, W. T. Dakin.
Snyder Hose, Saugerties – E. J. Lewis, Ernest Hastings [*sic*, indexed as Hassinger] H. A. Ohley, T. B. Belch.
Union Hose, Kingston – John McAndrew, M. Cavanaugh.
Veteran Association, Catskill – W. A. Pennoyer, Robert Selden.
Washington Hose, Hudson – John Guthrie, John Buckley, C. J. Brown, Martin Lawrence, Thos. Leary.
Weber Hose, Kingston – O. H. Lange, Lewis Ahrens.
Weiner Hose, Kingston – Joseph Klein, John Dolson, Wm. Dederick, John Meeder, James Van Gaasbeck, John Gassen.
Wilson Engine, Catskill – Wm. Josebury, J. E. Norton, R. P. Barker, Harry Hall, Wilber Brown.
Wiltwyck Hose, Kingston – James Seiffert, W. C. Van Anden, J. C. Snyder.
Secretary Brown's report showed a membership of 32 companies, a gain of one since the last convention.
Treasurer Brady reported a balance on hand of \$165.00 from last year, received during the year and at the present meeting \$290; disbursements \$123.95; balance on hand, \$332.08. This is a very flattering report and shows that the Association is in a solid condition.
The next thing in order was the election of a president. The name of Chas. G. Coffin, of Catskill was placed in nomination by James G. Tubby, of Kingston. W. C. Brady, of Athens, put the name of Daniel W. Bugle of Hudson before the convention for the same office. There being no other names presented, a ballot was taken with the following result – C. G. Coffin, 56, D. W. Bugle, 42. On motion of Mr. Bugle the election of Mr. Coffin was made unanimous.
George Wachmeyer, Jr., of Ulster, was elected treasurer by acclamation, several other names having been offered and all being withdrawn in his favor.
The election of a secretary was next, and C. J. Brown of Hudson, the popular secretary of '91- '92, was re-elected by acclamation.
The vice-presidents elected are: Geo. W. Newkirk of Kingston, Geo. L. Perry of Hudson, Irving Arnsfield, Catskill, R. P. Barker, Catskill, Edward J. Lewis, Saugerties and William Geroldseck, Hudson.
Some discussion having been indulged in regarding the interpretation of certain sections of the by-laws, it was agreed that the president appoint a committee on revision, to report at the next annual meeting. Dr. Robert Selden, of this village, Everett Fowler, of Kingston and C. E. Niblett, of Hudson, have been named.
The place of holding the convention of 1893 was voted to Saugerties. The citizens of that place promise the necessary funds for a successful celebration.
George A. Gaynor, of Citizens' Hose, Catskill was elected delegate to the State Firemen's Convention, to be held at Coney Island next August, by acclamation.
President Coffin has appointed the following committees:
Executive Committee – George H. Scott, Coxsackie; Horace P. Dakin, Hudson; Henry A. Ohley, Saugerties; William Winter, Jr., Rondout; William C. Brady, Athens; Dan. W. Bugel, Hudson.

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Auditing Committee - William C. Van Anden, Kingston; Alfred W. Ham, Hudson; Eugene Wolf, Athens.
Committee on Revision of Constitution and By-Laws – Robt. Selden, Catskill; Everett Fowler, Kingston; C. E. Niblett, Hudson.

The question of merging the Tri-County Firemen's Association into a Hudson River Association, which would take in Rensselaer, Albany, Columbia, Greene, Ulster, Dutchess, Orange, Rockland and Westchester counties was brought up before the convention by Dr. Selden, of Catskill. After some little argument, the matter of selecting a committee of two from each county was left with the president. This committee will report at the Saugerties convention.

At about 4:30 the convention adjourned *sine die*.

THE PARADE AND TOURNAMENT

The long talked of parade and tournament of the Tri-County Firemen's Association on Wednesday is a thing of the past, but while it lasted Catskill was in a blaze of glory. Twenty-two handsomely uniformed companies, 13 brass bands and 8 drum corps were in the big procession.

The weather during the early morning hours was of such a texture as to dampen the spirits of the local committee, as well as the firemen and citizens of Catskill, but later in the day the clouds cleared away and everything on the program was carried out. It is estimated that at least 8,000 spectators from near-by towns were present, and Catskill had the appearance of a county fair.

Shortly after 9 o'clock the visiting companies began to arrive, and from that time until late at night our streets were filled with music and marching firemen. The richly decorated buildings along the march were things of beauty and were greatly admired by thousands of visitors present. A thing worthy of mention was the absence of drunkenness. Of course there were a few cases, but when it is taken into consideration that the strangers to Catskill on Wednesday would make a village twice the size of our own, as regards population, it is remarkable. It was a holiday and everybody behaved themselves in such a manner that no unfortunate occurrence marred the day.

The parade was to have started at 10:30, but was delayed on account of the non-appearance of the Troy companies. Shortly after 12 o'clock, however, the column moved without the above companies, but when half the line had been covered the Troy companies arrived and took their positions and the column started again. The line of march was short, in fact, too short, as some of our principal streets were overlooked, but the committee did this on account of the contests as so much of the time is consumed in this part of the program that a larger line of march would have prevented the carrying out of the exercises.

The column was at least a mile long and Main street was crowded with men, women and children, who were anxious to see the handsome uniforms and hear the sweet strains from the many good bands that were in line.

The officers in charge of the parade were: Clark Lynes, Chief Engineer, Catskill F. D., Grand Marshal; 1st Asst. Engineer James Boyne and 2nd Asst. Engineer, Wm. Mattice, Catskill F. D. Asst. Marshals; and the following mounted aides: J. F. Gaylord, Frank Van Gorden, Dr. W. F. Lamont, E. Jones, Dr. Robert Selden, G. Howard Jones, Dr. E. E. Elliott, Franklin Decker, S. B. Sage, G. B. Vincent.

The names of the companies parading, the officer in command, and the number of men in each company follows:

FIRST DIVISION

Police.

Chief and Assistants, Catskill F. D.

Clark Lynes, James Boyne, Will Mattice.

Marshal and Aides.

Capital City Band, Albany, 30 pieces.

Young America Hose Co., Po'keepsie, 57 men, Wm. Vickery, foreman.

Niagara Steamer Drum Corps, 5 pieces.

Niagara Steamer Co., Po'keepsie, 25 men, Schuyler Weaver, foreman.

19th Sep. Co. Drum Corps, Po'keepsie, 19 pieces.

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Eagle Engine Co., Hyde Park, 30 men, George Bilyou, foreman.
Cairo Cornet Band, 14 pieces.
G. K. Porter Engine Co., Cairo, 30 men, E. W. Margison, foreman.
Citizens' Band of Coxsackie, 20 pieces.
D. M. Hamilton Steamer Co., Coxsackie, 30 men, Fred Dorner, foreman.
Hudson River Eng. Co., Coxsackie, 17 men, Geo. Scott, foreman.
Glenco Band, 16 pieces.
Edmonds Hose Co., Hudson, 26 men, E. H. Davis, foreman.

SECOND DIVISION.

Albany City Band, 25 pieces.
Snyder Hose Co., Saugerties, 47 men, Ernest Hassinger, foreman.
Post Willard Post Drum Corps, 21 men.
Rankin Steamer Co., Troy, 35 men, Wm. B. Donovan, Capt.
Osgood Steamer Co., Troy, 35 men, Capt. Holey.
7th Sep. Co. Drum Corps, Cohoes, 14 men.
Knickerbocker Steamer Co., Waterford, 33 men, Ed. R. Caswell, foreman.
Coeymans Herald Band, 16 pieces.
Makawomuc Engine Co., Athens, 38 men, Eugene Wolfe, foreman.

THIRD DIVISION.

Gartlands 10th Regt. Band, Albany, 22 pieces.
Rogers Hose Co., Hudson, 30 men, Geo. L. Perry, foreman.
Lafayette Hose, Valatie, 12 men, John Carr, foreman.
Goeller's Band, Rondout, 21 pieces.
Rapid Hose Co., Rondout, 30 men, George A. Brown, foreman.
Fake Drum Corps, 10 men.
Fake H. & L. Co., Lansingburgh, 40 men, U. J. Shellielay, foreman.
Citizens' Band of Philmont, 17 pieces.
Rescue H. & L. Co., Athens, 26 men, W. C. Brady, foreman.
Crane Fife and Drum Corps, Troy, 12 pieces.
Hoysradt Hose Co., Hudson, 30 men, Clifford L. Smith, foreman.

FOURTH DIVISION.

Germania Band, Pittsfield.
Citizens' Hose Co., Catskill, 48 men, Alex. Wiltse, foreman.
West Catskill Drum Corps.
Jewell Hose, Catskill, 14 men, Charles Connelly, foreman.
Red Hook Band.
A. M. Osborn Hose Co., Catskill, 27 men, D. A. Pitcher, foreman.
Catskill Cornet Band.
F. N. Wilson Fire Co., Catskill, 29 men, John Norton, foreman.

After dinner, the several contests were determined, the hand-engine throwing on upper Main St., opposite the Smith House, the drills on the ball ground on Spring St., and the hose-racing on the Long Dock. The whole afternoon was thus occupied, and with this result:

Drill, open to all – Fake Hooks of Lansingburgh, 80 points in a possible 100, \$150; Knickerbocker Steamer Co. of Waterford, 85. 50; Rescue Hook and Ladder Co. of Athens, 81 points, \$100; Hamilton Steamer Co. of Coxsackie, 48, \$50. Judges – Capt. Haubennestel of the 19th Sep. Co., N. G. S. N. Y., and Capt. Vunk of the 46th Sep. Co.

Hose Races – The companies starting were the Lafayettes of Valatie, and Osborns and Jewells of Catskill. The conditions were: Run 300 yards, 200 yards to the hydrant, attach and lay three hundred ft. of hose from hydrant, break coupling and put on pipe. After a great deal of "kicking" because the Lafayettes had

but 12 of their own men (the rules require not less than 14 nor more than 17), and proposed to fill up from the LeRois of Cohoes, they were allowed to run under protest and did the trick in 40 ½ sec. Osborn Hose did it in 46 ¼ sec. and Jewell Hose in 59 ¼, although they dispute the correctness of the time announced. The prizes were \$75, \$50 and \$25. Judges – Fire Com. John Carr of Troy, Wm. Holmes of Troy, John H. Goltz of Po'keepsie, A. J. Forrest of Troy, Robert Davidson of Po'keepsie.

Hand-Engine Contest – But two companies were entered for this, the Makawomucs of Athens, with their 1st class, and the G. K. Porters of Cairo with their 2nd class engine (old Protection engine, long a part of the apparatus of the Catskill F. D.) The Cairo boys played their piano first, and although they “shook ‘er up” for dear life, the best they could show in three attempts was 108 ft., 4 in. They used 150 ft. of hose and a ¾ in. pipe. There were 50 men on the brakes and 8 on the box. The Macks jumped their machine to a mark of 172 ft., 10 in. the second time trying and as that won, they quit. They were handicapped, for the difference in the size of their pump, with 100 feet more hose, throwing through a line of 250 ft. They used a 7/8 in. pipe and had 55 men on the brakes and 8 on the box. The prizes were \$100 and \$50, each contestant getting a slice of the watermelon. Judges – E. Gilbert of New York, Jesse Brown, jr., [sic] of Jamaica, L. I. and Isaac Woods of Po'keepsie.

The prize, a Rip Van Winkle Chair, to the company having the largest number of uniformed men in line went to Young America of Po'keepsie, who paraded 57.

The prize of a silver water set to the oldest fire organization was awarded to the Niagara's of Po'keepsie, who have had a continuous existence since 1810. Edmonds Hose of Hudson claimed to have been organized in 1791, but it appeared that it did not take its present name till sometime in the 50's.

The prize for the company coming the greatest distance, a silver trumpet, was not awarded, there being a question as to which of the two companies, the Fake Hose of Lansingburgh and the Knickerbockers of Waterford had to travel the greater distance in coming to Catskill. The committee is still considering the matter.

NOTES OF THE DAY

....The Po'keepsie firemen will never forget their Catskill brothers.

....The decorations, by Heller & Co., of New York, were something grand.

....Osborn Hose received well deserved applause all along the line of march.

....Ask M. J. Sullivan, of Osborn Hose if his company lost any coats Wednesday.

...."Great Scott" of Coxsackie, was in the parade, and what is a parade without "Great Scott?"

....The "Cits" were barred from competing in the special prizes, but, as usual, were the finest in line.

....It is said that E. J. Lewis, of Snyder Hose, Saugerties, was the hottest fireman in line. How about it, Ed.

....The committee of arrangement deserve three cheers for the way it handled the parade and tournament.

....Rescue Hooks, of Athens, were greatly admired by everybody. Capt. Brady may well feel proud of his company.

....It is said that by beating the Knickerbockers in the special drill, the Fake Hooks won about 800 Waterford dollars.

....The Tri-County ball at the Opera House was a big success over 85 couples taking part. The "spoony" couple in the gallery were also a success.

....The Catskill Band played some excellent music on Wednesday and surprised its many friends on the rapid advancement it has made in the past four weeks.

.... Rogers, Edmonds, and Hoysradt Hose Cos., of Hudson, presented an appearance in the parade second to none. Hudson is to be complimented on having such fine fire organizations.

....The ex-president of the State Association was not present, having accepted an invitation from the Peekskill F. D. to go there on the same day. The parade moved just the same.

....Young America Hose, of Po'keepsie are a company of which any city or village may feel proud. Catskill will always greet the Bridge City boys with open arms if they ever happen this way again.

....The streets of Saugerties were illuminated, buildings decorated and the citizens of that place were out

en masse to receive the Snyder Hose on its return home. The Republican and Democratic gun Squads, the Eureka club, Laflin Hose and the Hook & Ladder Co., met the company at the dock and escorted them through the principal streets of the village amid a blaze of colored fire and fireworks. It was a royal reception and one the company will long remember.

We honestly believe that the prize for the finest appearing company was not justly awarded to the company entitled to it. The question of a red shirt was the reason the judges gave in awarding the prize to Osgood Steamer Co., of Troy. If judges are selected from old-time firemen, who never wore nothing but the red shirt, and that at a cost of but a few dollars, the progressive and active fire companies of today, who purchase handsome uniforms at a cost of \$30 or \$40 each, will never be in it. A firemen's dress uniform has no red shirt attachment as our fashion plates will show. If any company was entitled to the \$100, that company was Snyder Hose, of Saugerties. The Snyders turned out more men than the Osgoods, did better marching, waved no handkerchiefs to the fair sex, and in fact were disciplined as well as the best military company in the State. From all accounts the \$100 was given to the Troy company because its members wore the red shirt. Citizens' Hose, of this village, at the State convention held at Troy in '87, and Cortland in '88 took the prize. There were 40 companies in line at these places who wore the red shirt, but the judges were unanimously in favor of the dress uniform of our company rather than the ancient red shirt. If a vote of the people in Catskill on Wednesday could have been taken, Snyder Hose, of Saugerties, would have had a walk over for the \$100 gold.

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1577. The Recorder, October 7, 1892. – The Tri-County Fireman – The 3d Annual a Highly-Successful Convention and Tournament.

President Tjerck J. Riftenbary called the 3d Annual Convention of the Tri-County Firemen's Association to order at about 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning, from the stage of the Nelida Theater.

Mr. Riftenbary introduced the Rev. Father Finneran, Pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Catskill, who invoked the Divine blessing and assistance for the Convention in an eloquent and earnest manner.

Mayor Wiley was then presented, and in a happy vein welcomed the delegates to our village and extended its hospitality, in which the president responded with the thanks of the Convention.

Delegates Scott of Green, Hallenbeck of Columbia and Lewis of Ulster, were appointed the Committee of Credentials, and pending their report, adjournment was taken until 1 o'clock.

On the reassembling of the delegates the report of the Credentials Committee was read and adopted, showing the following attendance:

Citizens; Hose, Catskill – W. C. Pierson, H. M. C. Vedder, C. G. Coffin, L. R. Doty, G. L. Gaynor, Alex. Wiltse, Van. Person.

Cornell Hose, Rondout - Wm. Winter, jr. [*sic*].

Edmonds Hose, Hudson – Laban Decker, E. J. Race, Theo. Avery, E. H. Davis, Wm. H. Hawver, Peter Lahr, John Cunningham.

Evans Hooks, Hudson – F. E. Harvey, H. E. Buxbury, Thos. Hannon, S. R. Peake, Wm. Granger.

Excelsior Hose, Kingston – Stephen Shader, John E. Hull, A. Dudley.

Exempt Association, Hudson – Crawford Blake, S. W. Pierson.

Exempt Association, Kingston – J. G. Tubby, Lewis Koltz.

Hamilton Steamer, Coxsackie – J. H. Lampman.

Hoysradt Hose, Hudson – C. L. Smith, Wm. Elting, D. W. Bugel, F. A. Hallenbeck, A. W. Ham.

Hudson River Engine, Coxsackie – Geo. H. Scott, E. C. Hallenbeck, Jerome W. Hill, R. C. Hallock, Henry Van Bergen.

Jewell Hose, Catskill – Thos. Phillips, William Spahn.

Kingston Hose, Kingston – Abram Plass, Joseph Kelley, G. W. Newkirk, T. J. Riftenbary.

Lafayette Hose, Valatie – L. Van Steenburgh.

Mackawomuck Engine, Athens – Eugene Wolfe, Robert Engle.

Ocean Engine, Chatham – H. A. Blunt, James Lamonte.
Osborn Hose, Catskill – Irving Arnsfield, H. G. Bates, P. D. Hitchcock, R. Lampman.
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Rogers Hose, Hudson – George Petty, H. P. Osborn, W. A. Butts, H. P. Dakin, C. E. Niblett, Joseph Solomon, W. T. Dakin.
Snyder Hose, Saugerties – E. J. Lewis, Ernest Hastings [*sic*, indexed as Hassinger] H. A. Ohley, T. B. Belch.
Union Hose, Kingston – John McAndrew, M. Cavanaugh.
Veteran Association, Catskill – W. A. Pennoyer, Robert Selden.
Washington Hose, Hudson – John Guthrie, John Buckley, C. J. Brown, Martin Lawrence, Thos. Leary.
Weber Hose, Kingston – O. H. Lange, Lewis Ahrens.
Weiner Hose, Kingston – Joseph Klein, John Dolson, Wm. Dederick, John Meeder, James Van Gaasbeck, John Gassen.
Wilson Engine, Catskill – Wm. Josebury, J. E. Norton, R. P. Barker, Harry Hall, Wilber Brown.
Wiltwyck Hose, Kingston – James Seiffert, W. C. Van Anden, J. C. Snyder.
Roll-call followed, and as each member of the Convention responded to his name he was presented with a handsome souvenir button of neat design, the gift of the citizens of Catskill through the general committee of arrangements.
The reports of the secretary and treasurer showed a very flourishing growth in membership and exceeding "solidity" financially, there being about \$400 on hand and no indebtedness.
The next order of business was election of officers for the ensuing year. For president D. W. Bugel of Hudson and C. G. Coffin of Catskill were nominated, the ballot resulting in favor of the latter, a well-merited recognition of that gentleman's executive ability, as well as his untiring labors for the welfare of the organization. On being escorted to the chair, Mr. Coffin briefly and felicitously [*sic*] expressed his thanks for the honor.
G. W. Newkirk of Ulster, G. L. Perry of Columbia, Irving Arnsfield and R. P. Barker of Greene, E. J. Lewis of Ulster and William Geroldseck of Columbia were elected vice-presidents by acclamation.
C. J. Brown of Hudson was unanimously re-elected secretary by acclamation.
George Wachmeyer, jr., [*sic*] of Ulster was elected treasurer by acclamation, several other names having been offered and all being withdrawn in his favor.
Some discussion having been indulged in regarding the interpretation of certain sections of the by-laws, it was agreed that the president appoint a committee on revision, to report at the next annual meeting. Dr. Robert Seldon of this village, Everett Fowler of Kingston and C. E. Niblett of Hudson have been named.
The Ulster county representative asked that next year's convention be held at Saugerties, to which there was no objection and the designation was made accordingly.
Almost from the date of organization the Tri-County has been solicited by firemen of neighboring counties to extend its lines and take them into the fold, so that when Delegate Seldon of Greene laid the matter before the Convention it was well received, and after the expressions of various opinions on the subject, it was voted that the Chair appoint a committee of six men (two from each county) authorized to confer with the various companies in the Hudson Valley with a view to forming an association embracing them all. The committee, which hasn't yet been announced, is to report at the next meeting of the Tri-County.
After extending thanks to the retiring officers, as well as to the people of Catskill for their hospitality, the Convention adjourned.

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President Coffin has announced the following committees: Auditing – W. C. Van Anden of Ulster, A. W. Ham of Columbia; Eugene Wolfe of Greene; Executive – G. H. Scott and W. C. Brady of Greene, D. W. Bugel and H. P. Dakin of Columbia, H. A. Ohley and William Winter, jr., [sic] of Ulster.

THE PARADE AND TORUNAMENT

At midnight on Tuesday it was raining hard and it looked as though the Tri-County Ass'n was about to experience a repetition of the beastly weather of last year at Hudson; but before morning the rain ceased, and although the sun acted very coyly, hiding himself for the most while behind threatening clouds, and a chilling wind blew down from the snow-clad mountains, when the grand procession of firemen finally moved at noon the state of things overhead and under foot was so very much better than it promised to be on the night before that no one had the face to grumble. Indeed, our macadamized streets were in a capital condition, and there was hardly a suggestion of mud anywhere on the route of the parade.

The village was profusely and beautifully decorated; nearly every building on Main street and along the line of march was gay with flags and bunting tastefully and prettily arranged. More than a score of Handsomely-uniformed fire companies, the crack organizations of the Hudson Valley, with costly and resplendent apparatus, and nearly as many bands of music were in the parade. And the magnificent spectacle was witnessed by not less than 10,000 people, resident and visitors who came from far and near.

The procession was to have started at 10:30, but, waiting for the Troy companies, did not start until 12:20, when it moved in this order:

FIRST DIVISION.

Police.

Chief and Assistants, Catskill F. D.

Clark Lynes, James Boyne, Will Mattice.

Marshal and Aides.

Capital City Band, Albany, 30 pieces.

Young America Hose Co., Po'keepsie, 57 men, Wm. Vickery, foreman.

Niagara Steamer Drum Corps, 5 pieces.

Niagara Steamer Co., Po'keepsie, 25 men, Schuyler Weaver, foreman.

19th Sep. Co. Drum Corps, Po'keepsie, 19 pieces.

Eagle Engine Co., Hyde Park, 30 men, George Bilyou, foreman.

Cairo Cornet Band, 14 pieces.

G. K. Porter Engine Co., Cairo, 30 men, E. W. Margison, foreman.

Citizens' Band of Cocksackie, 20 pieces.

D. M. Hamilton Steamer Co., Cocksackie, 30 men, Fred Dorner, foreman.

Hudson River Eng. Co., Cocksackie, 17 men, Geo. Scott, foreman.

Glenco Band, 16 pieces.

Edmonds Hose Co., Hudson, 26 men, E. H. Davis, foreman.

SECOND DIVISION

Albany City Band, 25 pieces.

Snyder Hose Co., Saugerties, 47 men, Ernest Hassinger, foreman.

Post Willard Post Drum Corps, 21 men.

Rankin Steamer Co., Troy, 35 men, Wm. B. Donovan, Capt.

Osgood Steamer Co., Troy, 35 men, Capt. Holey.

7th Sep. Co. Drum Corps, Cohoes, 14 men.

Knickerbocker Steamer Co., Waterford, 33 men, Ed. R. Caswell, foreman.

Coeymans Herald Band, 16 pieces.

Makawomuc Engine Co., Athens, 38 men, Eugene Wolfe, foreman.

THIRD DIVISION.

Gartlands 10th Regt. Band, Albany, 22 pieces.

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Rogers Hose Co., Hudson, 30 men, Geo. L. Perry, foreman.

Lafayette Hose, Valatie, 12 men, John Carr, foreman.

Goeller's Band, Rondout, 21 pieces.

Rapid Hose Co., Rondout, 30 men, George A. Brown, foreman.

Fake Drum Corps, 10 men.

Fake H. & L. Co., Lansingburgh, 40 men, U. J. Shellielay, foreman.

Citizens' Band of Philmont, 17 pieces.

Rescue H. & L. Co., Athens, 26 men, W. C. Brady, foreman.

Crane Fife and Drum Corps, Troy, 12 pieces.

Hoysradt Hose Co., Hudson, 30 men, Clifford L. Smith, foreman.

FOURTH DIVISION.

Germania Band, Pittsfield.

Citizens' Hose Co., Catskill, 48 men, Alex. Wiltse, foreman.

West Catskill Drum Corps.

Jewell Hose, Catskill, 14 men, Charles Connelly, foreman.

Red Hook Band.

A. M. Osborn Hose Co., Catskill, 27 men, D. A. Pitcher, foreman.

Catskill Cornet Band.

F. N. Wilson Fire Co., Catskill, 29 men, John Norton, foreman.

The appearance and marching of all the companies, without exception, was good, and the task of the judges appointed to determine which company, in *personnel*, deportment, marching and alignment, was "the finest" and entitled to the hundred dollar prize, was no easy one to perform. These judges were E. Gilbert of New York, Capt. Wm. Haubennestel of Po'keepsie and Capt. D. E. Vunk of Amsterdam, and they finally decided that Osgood Steamer Co. of Troy should receive the prize. Next to this company in contest stood Snyder Hose of Saugerties, and after them in was a "toss up" between the Hamiltons of Coxsackie, Rapids of Rondout, Young Americas of Po'keepsie and Rankens of Troy.

After dinner, the several contests were determined, the hand-engine throwing on upper Main St., opposite the Smith House, the drills on the ball ground on Spring St., and the hose-racing on the Long Dock. The whole afternoon was thus occupied, and with this result:

Drill, open to all – Fake Hooks of Lansingburgh, 80 points in a possible 100, \$150; Knickerbocker Steamer Co. of Waterford, 85.50; Rescue Hook and Ladder Co. of Athens, 81 points, \$100; Hamilton Steamer Co. of Coxsackie, 48, \$50. Judges – Capt. Haubennestel of the 19th Sep. Co., N. G. S. N. Y., and Capt. Vunk of the 46th Sep. Co.

Hose Races – The companies starting were the Lafayettes of Valatie, and Osborns and Jewells of Catskill. The conditions were: Run 300 yards, 200 yards to the hydrant, attach and lay three hundred ft. of hose from hydrant, break coupling and put on pipe. After a great deal of "kicking" because the Lafayettes had but 12 of their own men (the rules require not less than 14 nor more than 17), and proposed to fill up from the LeRoys of Cohoes, they were allowed to run under protest and did the trick in 40 ½ sec.

Osborn Hose did it in 55¼ sec. and Jewell hose in 59¼, although they dispute the correctness of the time announced. The prizes were \$75, \$50 and \$25. Judges – Fire Com. John Carr of Troy, Wm. Holmes of Troy, John H. Goltz of Po'keepsie, A. J. Forrest of Troy, Robert Davidson of Po'keepsie.

Hand-Engine Contest – But two companies were entered for this, the Makawomucs of Athens, with their 1st class, and the G. K. Porters of Cairo with their 2nd class engine (old Protection engine, long a part of the apparatus of the Catskill F. D.) The Cairo boys played their piano first, and although they "shook 'er up" for dear life, the best they could show in three attempts was 108 ft. 4 in. They used 150 ft. of hose and a ¾ in. pipe. There were 50 men on the brakes and 8 on the box. The Macks jumped their machine to a mark of 172 ft. 10 in. the second time trying, and as that won they quit. They were handicapped, for the difference in the size of their pump, with 100 feet more hose, throwing through a line of 250 ft. They used a 7/8 in. pipe and had 55 men on the brakes and 8 on the box. The prizes were \$100 and \$50,

each contestant getting a slice of the watermelon. Judges – E. Gilbert of New York, Jesse Brown, jr., [sic] of Jamaica, L. I. and Isaac Woods of Po'keepsie.

The prize, a Rip Van Winkle Chair, to the company having the largest number of uniformed men in line, went to Young American of Po'keepsie, who paraded 57.

The prize of a silver water set to the oldest fire organization was awarded to the Niagaras of Po'keepsie, who have had a continuous existence since 1810. Edmonds Hose of Hudson claimed to have been organized in 1791, but it appeared that it did not take its present name until sometime in the 50's.

The prize for the company coming the greatest distance, a silver trumpet, was not awarded, there being a question as to which of the two companies the Fake Hooks of Lansingburgh and the Knickerbockers of Waterford, had to travel the greater distance in coming to Catskill. The committee is still considering the matter.

A ball at the Mott & Gaylord's Opera House at night wound up the tournament.

SPRAY

-The Committee on Tri-County Tournament request the immediate presentation to treasurer C. G. Coffin, of all bills incurred by the committee; an early settlement is desired.

- Notwithstanding the non-participation of Evans Hooks and in spite of persistent and contemptible efforts on the part of other Hudson people to produce a contrary result, the 3d annual tournament was by far the most successful that the Tri-County Ass'n has held.

-The column more than filled Main st. from head to foot – the head of the column had turned at the junction of Main and Water sts., and countermarching was at Bridge st. when the last company in line was passing the Irving House on its way up the street: from Bridge to the head of Main street was a double column of going and returning organizations.

-The Catskill band held its own with the best of 'em. And they not only played well, but looked well in their new uniforms.

-None of the parading companies was more frequently or more heartily applauded than old Wilson Fire Co. "Those men in the red shirts – they're your true firemen" was heard on every side.

-A good many people – and not all of the Saugerties people, either – thought that Snyder Hose should have received the prize for "finest appearance."

-Ed Ashley of Brooklyn, who has been a member of Wilson Co. for something like 30 years, wore the old red shirt as jauntily as the youngest man in the company.

-Jim Barber, drum major of Goeller's Band of Kingston, was on his native heath, and the way he tossed that *baton* was a caution.

-The oldest fireman in town on Wednesday undoubtedly was Capt. A. Lawrence of Tarrytown. He is 83 years old – but doesn't look it, by a good deal – and has been an active fireman continuously since 1832. He used to "run with" old gooseneck No. 1 from the foot of Duane st., New York. His title of "captain" was won in the war of the rebellion, in which he performed good service.

-If Citizen's Hose had gone for that "finest- appearance" prize, the best of the other companies, fine though they were, wouldn't have been "in it."

-The Catskill companies made a fine appearance, and the villagers ought to feel proud of their firemen – *Hudson Republican* (We do, neighbor; we're all very proud of our firemen.)

-"Pop" Chapman of the Fake Hooks of Lansingburgh said that when he was 50 years old he would no longer drill with "the boys." His 50th birthday was, as he supposed, a short time ago, and the company was so worried about his determination of resigning that they hunted up the family Bible, which they found in the Southern portion of the State, and showed that "Pop" was only 48. They informed him of the fact at once, where upon he exclaimed "Thank God! I can drill with the Fakes at the Tri-Co. Convention at Catskill on Oct 5!"

-Orange S. Ingram of Troy, President of the State Firemen's Ass'n, was one of the spectators. Ex-President Rogers of Hudson went down to the Peekskill show; that wasn't vey neighborly, Charles.

-Everybody said that there were no flies on the Osborn boys.

-The coolness and level-headedness of Chief Bright of the Po'keepsie F. D. worked wonders in the panic on the Emeline.

-D. J. Cummings, a veteran member of Eddy Steamer Co., came down with the Troy contingent and witnessed the parade. Mr. Cummings is a strong advocate of the Hudson Valley Firemen's Ass'n.

1578. Daily Post, May 8, 1893.

This morning Joseph B. Thonet, Jr., was arrested on a warrant issued by Police Justice Coon on a charge of arson in the first degree. Bail was furnished by the defendant and the case was set down for a hearing on Wednesday next. The complaint was made by George B. Robinson.

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1579. The Daily Mail, Catskill, NY. October 6, 1892. – THE BIG PARADE. – Twenty-Two Fire Companies, Thirteen Bands and Eight Drum Corps In Line. – The Streets Alive With Marching Men and Crowded With Spectators. – A Great Row Over the Contests.

The great Tri-County parade of firemen, which took place in this village, yesterday, was the largest parade of the kind which ever took place in this village, and the finest, if not the largest in numbers, ever held by the Tri-County organization. Early in the day the town began to be alive with music, which increased as the visiting organizations began to arrive one after the other, until the streets were crowded with marching fire companies, bands of music and drum corps. Thousands of spectators drawn from the surrounding cities and towns thronged the street. The crowds of uniformed men and the richly decorated building made a scene that quickened the blood and livened the pulse of every person in the village. Little or no disorder took place, only one or two arrests were made, and those for drunkenness and disorder. The crowd was remarkable free from drunken men for such an occasion and the crowd was one of the best behaved that could be assembled, considering the number.

The parade, announced to start at 10:30 o'clock did not get in motion until 12:30. The delay was caused by the failure of the Rankin and Osgood steamer companies, of Troy, to reach Catskill on time. The parade finally moved without them and they fell in line, when half the line of march had been completed. There were twenty-two fire organizations, thirteen bands of music and eight drum corps in line, the whole numbering about 1200 men including the chief engineers, and invited guests who marched without uniform. Snyder Hose company, of Saugerties, numbered 101 men including those in uniform and those in citizens dress who wore the badge of the company. The officers in charge of the parade were Clark Lynes, Chief Engineer Catskill F. D., Grand Marshal; 1st Asst. Engineer Jas. Boyne and 2d Asst. Engineer Wm. Mattice, Catskill F. D., Asst. Marshals; and the following mounted aids; J. F. Gaylord, Frank Van Gordon, Dr. W. F. Lamont, E. A. Chase, Dr. Robert Selden, G. Howard Jones, Dr. E. E. Elliott, Frank S. Decker, S. B. Sage, G. E. Vincent.

The parade moved as follows, the number of men accredited to each organization being the number of uniformed men reported to the committee in competition for the prize for the largest number of men in line.

FIRST DIVISION.

Chief and Assistants, Catskill F. D.

Visiting Chiefs and Assistants.

Capital City Band, Albany, 18 pieces.

Young American Hose Co., Po'keepsie, 56 men.

Drum Corps, 4 men.

Niagara Steamer Co., Poughkeepsie, 25 men.

19th Sep. Co. Drum Corps, Po'keepsie, 19 men.

Eagle Engine Co., Hyde Park, 30 men.

Cairo Cornet Band, 13 pieces.

Porter Engine Co., Cairo, 30 men.

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Coxsackie Band, 19 pieces.
Hamilton Str. Co., Coxsackie, 26 men.
Drum Corps, 10 men.
Hudson River Engine Co., Coxsackie, 40 men.
Band, 15 pieces.
Edmonds Hose Co., Hudson, 25 men.
SECOND DIVISION.
Albany City Band, 22 pieces.
Snyder Hose Co., Saugerties, 47 men.
Willard Post Drum Corps, 13 men
Rankin Steamer Co., Troy, 32 men
Greene's Band, of Troy, 21 pieces.
Osgood Steamer Co., Troy, 35 men.
Drum Corps, 14 men.
Knickerbocker Steamer Co., Waterford, 24 men.
Coeymans Herald Band, 15 pieces.
Makawomuc Eng. Co., Athens, 38 men.
THIRD DIVISION.
Gartland's 10th Regt. Band, Albany, 20 pieces.
Rogers Hose Co., Hudson, 30 men.
Lafayette Hose, Valatie, 18 men.
Goeller's Band, Rondout, 17 pieces.
Rapid Hose Co., Rondout, 35 men.
Drum Corps, 10 men.
Fake H. & L. Co., Lansingburgh, 46 men.
Philmont Band, 18 pieces.
Rescue Hook & Ladder Co., Athens, 26 men.
Crane Fife and Drum Corps, Troy, 11 men.
Hoysradt Hose Co., Hudson, 30 men.
FOURTH DIVISION.
Germania Band, Pittsfield, 23 pieces.
Citizens' Hose Co., Catskill, 46 men.
Catskill Drum Corps, 12 men.
Jewell Hose, Catskill, 19 men.
Red Hook Band, 17 pieces.
A. M. Osborn Hose Co., Catskill, 28 men.
Catskill Cornet Band, 19 pieces.
F. N. Wilson Fire Co., Catskill, 24 men.

Village trustees, judges, and guests of the Catskill Fire Dept. in carriages.

It took about one and one half hours to complete the line of march. The contests for the prizes offered were entered upon as soon as possible. In the special prize drill the Fake Hook & Ladder Co., of Lansingburgh, was awarded the prize, \$100, scoring 89.50 points; Knickerbocker Steamer Co., of Waterford, scored 85.50 points, and Rescue Hook & Ladder Co., of Athens, 80 points.

In the Tri-County drill Rescue Hook & Ladder Co., of Athens, took the first prize \$100, with 81 points; Hamilton Steamer Co., of Coxsackie, second prize, \$50, with 48 points. Edmonds Hose Co., of Hudson, made 47.50 points.

Over the hose race there was a great squabble. Protests were entered against Lafayette Hose, of Valatie, on the ground that they did not parade the requisite number of men; and against Osborn Hose for running men not members of the company. The time made was: Lafayettes, 46¾ seconds; Osborn

Hose, 55¼ seconds; Jewell Hose 50¼ seconds. The committee has not decided the award in this contest, but will decide upon the protest at a future meeting.

The hand engine contest was won by Mackawomuc Engine Co., of Athens, which threw 172 feet and 2 inches and took the first prize of \$100. Porter Engine Co., of Cairo, took the second prize, \$50, throwing 168 feet 4 inches. There were but two contestants for this prize.

The prize of \$100 in gold for the finest appearing company in line was awarded to Osgood Steamer Co., of Troy. As to the award of this prize it caused much unfavorable comment. Had it been left to a vote of those who witnessed the parade it would have gone to Snyder Hose Co., of Saugerties, by a large majority. The decision of the judges is universally criticized.

The prize of a silver water set for the oldest organization in line was awarded by the committee to Niagara Steamer Co., of Poughkeepsie. Over this prize there was a bitter contest before the committee between this company and Edmonds Hose, of Hudson. The latter was organized in 1791 but had changed its name somewhere in the fifties, while Niagara Steamer company was organized in 1810. Much ill feeling was shown but after a lengthy discussion the committee by a vote of 8 to 4 gave the prize to the Niagaras.

Young America Hose of Poughkeepsie, had the largest number of men in line, but the prize has not yet been awarded.

With the exception of the bickerings over the contests, which always take place in such affairs and are accepted as a matter of course, the parade and tournament was a complete success. The splendid appearance of the visiting companies, and the marked improvement over the old time fire organizations shown by them was apparent to all.

It is a matter of local pride that our home companies equalled [*sic*] in number and appearance that of the visiting organizations, thus demonstrating to our people that their fire department is second to none of the volunteer organizations in the state.

1580. The Recorder, Catskill, NY. October 7, 1892. – A Shipwreck in the Creek.

Under charter for that occasion, the sidewheel steamboat Emeline of the Haverstraw-Newburgh Line, Capt. Woolsey, on Wednesday brought the Young America and Niagara fire companies of Po'keepsie and their guests to this village. The regular pilot was unacquainted with Catskill Creek, and the chartering party provided a pilot, Mr. Buckhoudt of Po'keepsie, who claimed to know the water. Buckhoudt brought the Emeline into the creek all right, but in taking her out in the evening wrecked her on the ledge which runs out into the creek from the Diamond Hill, diagonally opposite the Hop'o'Nose. In endeavoring to clear the Hop'o'Nose, he threw the boat too far over to the Eastward and the stiff Nor'-Wester that was blowing completed the mischief. The report that she was going at full speed is denied by Capt. Woolsey and the engineer, who say that in fact the engine was stopped. She went on at dead low water.

When the steamer struck she fetched up with the rock under her about midship. For a few minutes she rested on an even keel, and preparations were making to rig a bridge from the steamer to the shore, when suddenly she careened to starboard, her stern went down and the water rushed into her cabin. There were 400 people aboard, many of them women and children. When the steamer careened the passengers feared that she would go clear over and panic seized many of them. Some men, unmindful of the women and children, leaped overboard and swam ashore. Fortunately the Whitney and Eloise were going out of the creek just at this juncture, and they went to the relief of the imperiled people on board of the Emeline, and the panic which threatened to result in loss of life was allayed. W. C. Pierson and other men who happened to be in the vicinity ran to Benter's float and brought a number of rowboats, which were employed as pontoons, and over which most of the passengers on the Emeline passed ashore from the wreck.

It was reported in the village that several persons had been drowned, and the fire alarm whistle was blown to call out assistance for those supposed to be in peril. But happily there were no lives lost – a

child that was missing on Wednesday night turned up at Hudson in the morning, having been carried there with others on the Whitney.

The Emeline lies with her starboard rail and her stern submerged, her bow and port wheel completely out of water. There is a hole in her about midship, but examination at low tide yesterday showed it to be not very large and Capt. Woolsey was in hopes that his boat could be got off in tolerably good shape. He had telegraphed for wreckers, who arrived in the afternoon. Yesterday morning the guy chain on the port side gave way under the strain, and the smokestack went down with a crash. The Emeline is practically a new boat, having been rebuilt in the Winter of 1888.

1581. The Daily Mail, Catskill, NY. [undated] – Sunk at Diamond Hill. The Excursion Steamer Emeline Crashes on the Rocks.

Disastrous Termination of the Poughkeepsie Firemen's Excursion – No Lives Lost.

Last evening the steamer Emeline having on board Young America Hose Co. and Niagara Steamer Co. of Poughkeepsie and Eagle Engine Co. of Hyde Park, with their bands of music and friends who had accompanied them to the Tri County firemen's parade in this village, started out of the creek about 8 o'clock on their way home. Nearly six hundred merry excursionists crowded her decks tired and happy from their day's experiences, and anticipating a speedy return home. Just as they turned the Hop'o'nose the steamer crashed on the rocks at Diamond Hill, breaking a great hole in her hull and settling down into the water. A panic ensued and the terror stricken excursionists made mad efforts for safety. Some jumped into the water and were rescued with difficulty, while a large majority waited for assistance and were safely put ashore. The steamer sank broadside to the shore and not more than twenty feet from it, her bow resting on the rocks and her stern under water. After striking the rocks she stood up for a few minutes and then slowly settled over toward the channel. The frightened passengers scrambled to the shore side of the boat where most of the remained until taken off. W. C. Pierson and others, who were near that locality, ran to Benter's boat house and brought all the boats into service, making with them a pontoon bridge, over which the passengers passed to the shore. The steamer Whitney which was just going out of the creek with the Coxsackie excursionists ran alongside and took off many of the people. Many narrow escapes are reported, but the best information that could be obtained, assures us that no lives were lost. One girl about 9 years old, Lucy Hopper, of Hyde Park, could not be found. Her elder sister became frantic and was taken to the house of John L. Kennedy where she passed the night. Careful inquiry for the missing girl was made, and there is every evidence that she was taken on board the Whitney and carried up the river. One man had his hand badly cut by broken glass. He was taken to Dr. Mackey's office where his wound was attended to. The stove in the cabin was tipped over, and the steamer was on fire at one time, but this was almost immediately extinguished. The accident was either the result of gross carelessness or equally censurable ignorance. A pilot named L. Buchout had been engaged for the trip on account of his knowledge of the creek. He has had over 40 years experience as a pilot. He states that in rounding the Hop'o'nose he had the wheel and the regular pilot had charge of the bells. He acknowledges the steamer was running too fast and that this caused them to run upon the rocks. Those on Board say the steamer was running very fast. No steam vessel can round the Hop'o'nose without slowing up which is invariably done by steamers of all sizes, as the turn is too short for a vessel to answer her helm quick enough when under speed. That no one is drowned is a most fortunate circumstance, but it is still possible that some unfortunate may be found in the water.

When the incident took place the fire alarm was sounded from box 32 bringing the fire department to the scene together with crowds of excited people.

The women and children who were on the boat were secured quarters for the night at the hotels and boarding houses but a large majority of the men could find no place to sleep and were compelled to remain up all night. Most of them took the early trains for home.

Nearly all the musicians on the boat lost their instruments and drums. One fireman has \$23 in bills laid inside of the sweat band of his cap. It was lost overboard but was afterward picked up and returned to him at the Irving house when to his great satisfaction he found his money where he had put it. The steamer Emeline was formerly the Boardman, and once ran on the Albany and Catskill route in opposition to the City of Hudson, under command of Capt. Nichols. She is badly wrecked and lays in a perilous position, although her officers say there is no danger of her moving from her present position.

1582. Both Waiting – Texas Siftings.

She – I have been awake for four hours waiting for you to come home from the club.

He – I have been waiting for four hours at the club for you to go asleep.

1583. A Youthful Prescription.

"Here momma, is the clock key: will that do?" "Do for what?" "Why, for you. I heard you saying a while ago that you were all run down."

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1584. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Oct. 8, 1892.

Imagine the surprise of people in Troy when Osgood Engine Co. of that city, appearing among them last Thursday morning with the announcement that they had been awarded the prize for the best appearing company in the line of march at the Tri-County Firemen's parade at Catskill the day before. It set Trojans wondering what there could have been at Catskill, if Osgood company could capture the prize. There is but one conclusion to draw in the premises, and that is, the judges who made the award were ignorant in regard to what composes "fineness" of appearance on dress parade, or else they were [probably meant to be 'were'] susceptible to "abhorrent and forbidden forces" Judged on their merit, the writer of this article, who is supposed to know something about martial appearance of men on parade, asserts that Snyder Hose Co. on parade that day marched almost faultlessly. Their alignment was perfect, and the company looked more like a machine on the line of march impelled by some invisible power, rather than a body of men subject to mundane influences.

1585. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Oct. 7, 1892.

The members of Snyder Hose Co. have the proud satisfaction of knowing that they were the finest appearing company in line at Catskill on Wednesday, notwithstanding the fact that the prize therefor was awarded to another. The prizes on contests which took place after the parade were as follows: Special drill, Fake Hook and Ladder of Lansingburgh, \$150; Tri-County drill, first prize of \$100 to Rescue Hook and Ladder Co. of Athens; second prize of \$50, Hamilton Steamer Co. of Coxsackie; hand engine contest, first prize of \$100 to Mackawomac Engine Co. of Athens, which threw 172 feet and 2 inches; second prize of \$50 to Porter Engine Co. of Cairo which threw 168 ft. and 4 inches. For the finest appearing company in line, a prize of \$100 was awarded to Osgood Steamer Co. of Troy; for the oldest organization in line, a prize of a silver water set, to Niagara Steamer Co. of Poughkeepsie. There was a great squabble over the hose race contest. The time was as follows: Lafayette Hose, 46 1-4 seconds; Osgood Hose, 55 1-4 seconds; Jewett Hose, 59 1-4 seconds.

1586. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Oct. 11, 1892.

After four days of continuous working the wreckers have raised the steamer Emeline. Monday morning about 10:30, they put all five pumps in operation, and in a few minutes the boat began to raise. In half an hour they had all the water out of her hold that they could get; then the boat partly righted herself. The large wrecker Reliance, which arrived early Monday morning, kept the starboard side of the boat on an even keel during the afternoon. About half past five they started with the Emeline in tow for the dry

dock at Newburgh, where she will be repaired. The greatest damage done to the boat was in the hold where four large holes were found. *Catskill Mail*.

1587. Stars and Stripes. Something about the Flag all Americans Love. An Official Scrap of History – How the Banner of the Country Originated and How it Has Been Changed as the Country Has Grown. The American Congress, in session at Philadelphia, established by the resolution of June 14, 1777, a national flag for the United States of America. The resolution was as follows:

Resolved, That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white: that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.

The use of thirteen stripes was not a new feature, as they had been introduced (in alternate white and blue) on the upper left-hand corner of a standard presented to the Philadelphia Light Horse by its captain in the early part of 1775, and moreover the Union flag of the thirteen united colonies raised at Washington's headquarters at Cambridge, January 2, 1776, had the thirteen stripes just as they are this day, but it also had the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew in a blue ground in the corner. There is no satisfactory evidence, however, that any flag bearing the union of the stars had been in public use before the resolution of June, 1777.

The flag remained unchanged for about eighteen years after its adoption. By this time two more States (Vermont and Kentucky) had been admitted to the Union, and on January 13, 1794, Congress enacted that from and after the 1st day of May, 1795, the flag of the United States be 15 stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be 15 stars, white in a blue field.

The flag was the national banner from 1795 to 1818, during which period occurred the war of 1812 with Great Britain. By 1818 five additional States (Tennessee, Ohio, Louisiana, Indiana and Mississippi) had been admitted into the Union, and therefore a further change in the flag seemed to be required. After considerable discussion in Congress on the subject, the act of April 14, 1818 was passed, which provided:

First – "That from and after the 4th day of July next the flag of the United States be 13 horizontal stripes, alternating red and white, that the union have 20 stars, white in a blue field."

Second – "That on the admission of every new State into the Union one star be added to the union of the flag, and that such addition shall take effect on the 4th day of July next succeeding such admission. The return to the 13 stripes of the 1777 flag was due in a measure, to a reverence for a standard of the Revolution, but it was also due to the fact that a further increase of the number of stripes would have made the width of the flag out of proportion to its length unless the stripes were narrowed and this would have impaired their distinctness when seen from a distance.

The early custom was to insert the stars in parallel rows across the blue field, and this custom has, it is believed, been observed in the navy at least, since 1818, at which time the President ordered the stars to be arranged in such manner on the national flag used in the navy. In the army, too it is believed the stars have always been arranged in horizontal rows across the blue field, but not always in vertical rows; the effect, however, being about the same as in the naval flag.

Since July 4, 1892, the arrangement of stars in the flag of the army and ensign of [line lost at bottom of column]

The national flags hoisted at camps or forts are made of bunting of American manufacture. They are of the following three sizes: The storm and recruiting flag, 8 feet in length and 4 feet 2 inches in width; the post flag, measuring 20 feet in length by 10 feet in width; the garrison flag, measuring 36 feet in length by 26 feet in width (this flag is hoisted only on holidays and great occasions). The union is one third of the length of the flag, and extends to the fourth red stripe from the top.

The national colors carried by regiments of infantry and artillery and the battalion of engineers on parade or in battle, are made of silk, and are 6 feet 6 inches long and 6 feet wide and mounted on staffs. The field of the colors is 31 inches in length and extends to the lower stripe of the fourth red stripe from

the top. The sizes of the flags used in the army and navy are not fixed by law, but are prescribed by army and navy regulations. [illustrations]

1588. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Sept. 7, 1892. – OUR COMMON COUNCIL. - Considerable Business Transacted – Health Board Recommends Cleaning Certain Streets - Special Election to be Held, Etc. The Village Board of Directors convened in regular session in their room on Tuesday evening, Sept. 6th. Those present were Pres. Van Keuren, Directors Cunyes, McNally and Davis. President Van Keuren presided.

The minutes of the last regular and of the special meeting were read and approved.

Charles Davis presented a petition signed by all the residents on the West side of John street in reference to narrowing the roadway in said street, making the curb line twelve feet from the property line, for the purpose of protecting the curb and gutter from the roots of the many trees and for the purpose of straightening the curb line. Mr. Davis stated the street is forty feet wide at present and the average amount of ground taken would be about two feet. He said all the work would be done at the expense of the property owners and it would cost the village nothing. On motion the petition was granted.

A petition from John Sinnott was read in reference to an outlet of an old cistern in front of his residence on Partition street, which he considered a nuisance and which the Health Officer says endangers public health. The matter was referred to the Directors of the ward.

A petition from James Smith, Jr., was read asking to have an excess of \$1 road tax refunded, which request was granted.

The following communication from the Village Board of Health was read:

To the Board of Directors of the Village of Saugerties:

GENTLEMEN:- We would respectfully call the attention of your honorable body to the condition of the gutters in the following streets, viz: Main street between Partition street and Washington avenue: Livingston street from First street to the residence of Frederick Yonker; Russell street near Washington avenue and First street between Main and Livingston streets and ask that the same be cleaned at once at in our opinion said gutters are detrimental to the public health, or will become so, if not cleaned. See subdivision eleven of section eight of this village charter, of this village. Respectfully, R. S. Gibson, Pres. John A. Lowther, Vice Pres., B. F. Crump, Sec. E. Brink, Health Officer. Board of Health of the Village of Saugerties.

On motion the Street Commissioner was directed to notify the property holders to clean the above gutters at once.

The Finance Committee asked for and was granted an extension of time on bills in their possession.

The Street Commissioner presented an inventory of tools belonging to the village now in his possession which was received and ordered placed on file.

The usual large number of bills were read and without any exception were ordered paid.

Foreman Schoenfeld, of Washington H. & L. Company, appeared before the Board and asked that new locks and keys be furnished for both doors of the company, as there is only six keys to the present locks and the company numbers forty members, much delay and inconvenience is caused at an alarm of fire. On motion janitor Yerger was empowered to procure the necessary locks and keys.

Director Davis offered the following resolution as a substitute to the motion in regard to changing the curb on John street:

RESOLVED, That the curb line on the westerly side of John street be brought out twelve feet from the property line.

Director Davis moved that the Street Commissioner set curb and gutter and lay sidewalk on the Rosa property on John street, and that the bill for same be presented to Van Sandford Rosa, as guardian of the property, which was carried.

Motion made that the communication received at a former meeting, from the Board of Health, in reference to an excess of money raised by the village for health purposes be presented to the Town Board of Health for their consideration, which was carried.

Director Davis moved that the proceedings of the tax-payers meeting of September 2d be spread upon the minutes of the Board and the suggestions made at that meeting be considered by the Board, and that a special election of tax-payers be called on Tuesday, September 27th, at Firemen's Hall, pursuant to the laws of 1887, and that the polls of said election be kept open from 10 A. M. to 1 P. M. The motion was carried.

The Street Commissioner was directed to make the necessary repairs to the tram road.

Director Davis moved that all work at the stone crusher and upon streets and crosswalks be suspended for the present and no work to be done unless ordered by the Board or by a written order from the members of the Board, which was carried.

Director Cunyès moved that Deputy Davis be employed to take the steamer to and from fires at a sum not to exceed \$5, which was carried.

On motion the Board adjourned.

1589. NOTICE. We hereby notify persons in this town not to sell spirituous liquors, wines or beers without a license; if they do we will prosecute them to the full extent of the law. We notify persons who do hold licenses not to violate the excise laws, especially the law prohibiting sales on Sunday. If licensed persons disregard their duty we will revoke their licenses and prosecute their bonds. We call upon all good citizens to co-operate with us and to inform us of any violation of the law which may come to their knowledge – especially of sales on Sunday. David Waters, A. J. Bartlett, J. W. Lasher, Excise Commissioners, May 2d, 1893.

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1590. Kingston Daily Freeman, Oct. 22, 1892. – A Grand Celebration - Kingston's Superb Tribute to America's Discoverer. – Several Thousand People View the Parade of the Firemen, the Civic Societies and the Wheelmen – An Industrial Display of Magnitude and Beauty – No Accidents of Importance to Mar the Program – A Complete Success.

Kingston City has paid its tribute to Christopher Columbus and did it in a manner to cause its citizens to be proud. When during the evening of Thursday the heavens were covered with clouds of inky darkness it was the general impression that rain would spoil the festivities of Friday and that which had been looked for with so much anticipated pleasure would be marred by inclement weather.

As was prophesied by Old Probabilities, however, the day was all that could be wished, with the possible exception of occasional gusts of wind that blew clouds of dust on Union avenue and enveloped the thousands of spectators from out of town that thronged that thoroughfare.

The ringing of the bells and the firing of the cannon at 7 o'clock fittingly ushered in the day and even at that early hour the streets began to fill with people. As trains came in during the morning over the Wallkill Valley, West Shore and Ulster & Delaware railroads they unloaded several thousands of sightseers who were augmented by as many visitors for the near-by towns who came in by wagon. Those from out of town who did not go to the City Hall, where the exercises of the school children were held, wandered about the streets, looking at the decorations, the extent and beauty of which had never been seen in this city before. The city was fairly swathed in color. North Front, Wall and Main street, Clinton avenue, Union avenue, The Strand, Hasbrouck avenue, Ferry street and many other thoroughfares were bright with the decorations. The American flag could be seen everywhere, and the glory and sentiment of the day was reflected through it.

The Afternoon Parade

The parade in the afternoon was a success beyond the expectations of even Mayor Kennedy who probably took as great, if not a greater interest, in the day's celebration than anyone in the city. It was a glittering, moving body fully three miles in length which required 63 minutes to pass a given point.

What was the grandest feature to the spectators is hard to tell, the firemen with their dazzling apparatus, the gorgeously costumed bands, the Grand Army veterans, the cavalcade of horsemen or the magnificent displays of the merchants and manufacturers in the industrial division.

The parade was formed about 1 o'clock on Union avenue near the Bowery, and required but a short time, owing to the careful prearranged plans of Grand Marshal Kennedy, Chief of Staff Kraft and engineer Johnston. Chief Hood and his force of policemen were on duty, and their glittering presence overawed such country people who were zealous to see everything that was going on, and thus managed to get themselves in the way.

When the line was made up the paraders marched through the upper part of the city first, going through Union avenue, Clinton avenue, North Front street, Wall street, Main street, Clinton avenue, Henry street, where they followed Union avenue. When the head of the line was at the West Shore crossing going down the last float was at the Swift refrigerator.

The procession continued on to the lower part of the city, being reviewed at the City Hall by the mayor and common council. The route, after leaving the City Hall, was down Union avenue, Delaware avenue, Hasbrouck avenue, to The Strand, Union avenue, Abeel street, Wurts street, McEntee street, Union avenue to the City Hall, where the parade was dismissed.

The sidewalks were lined on every street through which the procession passed and spectators could be seen standing on chairs, boxes, and was couple was seen standing on a barrel viewing the paraders. [line drawing of these particular two spectators included, labeled "They Saw the Parade", illustration]

They Were Loudly Applauded

As the firemen passed along they were greeted by applause, and this was especially so when R. A. Snyder Hose Company of Saugerties marched by. This company, which was the guest of Wiltwyck Hose of Kingston, had forty-three men in line dressed in dark gray colored uniforms and they marched with the precision of step as if a company of soldiers from the regular army. Their carriage is a handsome one and was greatly admired. The company was accompanied by Chief Engineer Ohley of Saugerties, and the Saugerties band, and the organization was worthy of all the cheers and praise bestowed upon it. That this city has the finest fire department in the state was again demonstrated by Friday's parade. It is safe to say that in no other one place can be found a handsomer lot of hose carriages than that hauled by Weiner, Rapid, Wiltwyck, Cornell, Excelsior, Kingston, Weber and Union Hose Companies. Then too the trucks of Wiltwyck and Rescue companies while not a glittering mass of silver and burnishings, are not to be equaled in point of handiness and usefulness in case of fire. All the companies were handsomely uniformed and Chief Johnston and Assistants Jordan, Gakenheimer, Rafferty and Motrie can well be proud of the department over which they are officers.

One of the features of the parade was the crew of the yacht Nourmahal, who were the guests of Cornell Hose. Another feature and one that was cheered to the echo was the exempts, forty strong, headed by Foreman James G. Tubby. They hauled an old time hand engine on which was seated a little daughter of James E. Welch. The members wore their new uniforms, consisting of red shirts, black pants and tan colored caps and belts. Hasbrouck Steamer Company from South Rondout with their engine were in line and they too were applauded. The first division, which was made up of 11 companies, contained 580 men and 11 bands and drum corps. It was followed by the members of the common council in carriages.

The bicyclers headed by Color bearer Arthur Connors and Captain Charles Webb presented a fine appearance. There were 80 wheelmen and every wheel was decorated with red, white and blue. Some of the decorations were very elaborate. The wheels were packed with colored paper while ropes of colored paper were wound around every portion of the machine that would not interfere with its

running. Bunting was also freely used and flags were carried. Some of the wheelmen had their tires covered with bunting also. The wheelmen had the right of line, but seemed more like a body of couriers or an advance guard, for they were ahead of everything, police, marshals and aids. They had been allowed to take this position because being the swiftest body they could better control their movements while in the lead.

The second division was headed by Marshal G. M. Brink and Aids, who were followed by the Hurley Drum Corps and 83 members of Pratt Post. This organization was the largest one in line and were given a handsome chair by the Hudson River Furniture Company. General Grant Post and the Port Ewen Cadets, a splendid marching company under command of Capt. Lester Rowe, made up the balance of this division.

Twenty-eight dusky warriors who uttered blood curdling war whoops while sitting astride fiery mustangs headed the third division. They were members of Minnewaska Tribe of Red Men of this city and, followed by the Haymakers seated on a hay rigging, and Miss Angus who personated a squaw driving a horse hitched to a drag in which were seated two papooses, they were the feature of the parade. The Continentals headed by their drum corps made an attractive showing carrying sticks on which were American flags and turned out 65 members. Fifty-eight members of Division No. 4 were in line headed by the East Kingston band and followed by the Holy Cross Company of the Knights of Temperance closed the third division.

The Industrial Division.

It is safe to say that never has there been a grander or larger display in this city, than was shown by the industrial division that so fittingly closed the procession. Over 100 wagons and floats were in line, representing as many business enterprises, and many of the floats were very artistic, evidencing much labor on the part of the exhibitors and the expenditure of considerable money.

This division was headed by 38 employes of Hildebrandt's ship yard on foot and they were followed by a good-sized dry dock on a wagon in which was a full-rigged three-masted schooner. Next came the float of McCausland & Co. on which were 12 ship-wrights and calkers dressed in white and wearing blue sailor hats. It was a pretty sight and was loudly applauded by the people. The Mozart Glee Club in a gaily bedecked float attracted much attention, as did the floral float of John McVey, the florist. A noteworthy exhibit was that of the Carpenters' and Joiners' Union. It was a large side seated wagon covered with bunting in which were the children of the Industrial Home who had been invited by the union to ride and who were also provided with candy and peanuts. On the side of the wagon was a streamer on which was painted "Our Little Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners." W. J. Turck & Co's three large grey horses hauled their lumber display, and Buck & Zeeh's employes followed with a float representing their bottling works. Hubbard & Foshay had a very attractive float drawn by four gaily bedecked horses covered with white blankets on which, in gold letters, was the name of the firm. The exhibit was one of the handsomest in the procession. It was entirely made of goods in the store, carpets, druggets, pieces of silk, bunting, etc. DeWitt & Gillespie, grocers, had a wagon load of samples of flour. The Hudson River Furniture Company float was a magnificent affair. Within the canopy was seated Miss Lizzie Roosa, representing Queen Isabella, while surmounting the roof was a representation of the globe with various emblems and pictures to represent different nations. On the Kingston carriage float was a wagon to which was attached their dapple grey team of paper machie horses, such an excellent imitation of the real that many were deceived. Barmann's brewery was represented by a wagon filled with barrels, the whole bedecked with flags and drawn by four gaily caparisoned horses. The float of Stock & Rice, the furniture dealers, came in for no little share of applause, and was as handsome as it was tasty. It represented a French roofed house with an open interior, in which was an attractive display of beautiful parlor furniture. G. L. Wachmeyer & Co. also had a very handsome float, making a beautiful display of furniture.

Lewis Elting & Sons' float consisted of a large pyramid, the sides of which were decorated with ropes of bunting, with here and there a picture of Columbus interspersed and the wagon was drawn by four

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horses wearing blankets of red, white and blue. On the peak of the pyramid was a figure to represent Columbus. This was so high in the air that it caught on telegraph and electric light wires, and was finally broken.

The Styles & Bruyn wagon was drawn by four horses. In the wagon was an immense sign with the words "1492 Columbus discovered America. 1892, Styles & Bruyn discover the wants of the people."

W. J. Anderson performed some rapid shoeing of horses on his wagon.

Ira Coutant of Union avenue, was represented, while F. Gallagher displayed a large parlor stove on a wagon whose wheels were covered with bunting.

The Cigar Makers' Union made cigars on a float as they passed along in the procession and now and then some one in the crowd was presented with a sample of the same. Their wagon contained a placard "The only cigar makers that uphold organized labor." also the names of the users of the "blue label in this city."

The float of Herbert Carl was richly covered with bunting, showed Columbus on one end and Santa Claus on the other.

Dondero & Cunio, the Wall street fruit dealers, had a wagon load of fruits and candies.

P. B. Warner, harness manufacture, and Van Gaasbeek the City Hall grocer were represented.

VanGaasbeek's wagon was a pretty affair.

Manager DuBois had a gaily decorated wagon drawn by a team of blanketed horses. A large bill board containing portraits John L. Sullivan announced his coming to this city next Tuesday.

J. Cummings had men on a wagon going through the process of bottling, and J. P. Leuffgen also had his bottling establishment represented.

L. Feldman, boot and shoe repairer, had his mechanics on a wagon.

The Excelsior Bakery wagon was drawn by a fine team of horses, the wheels of the wagon being gaily decorated. S. Higgins, baker, showed samples of his bread, etc. dangling from the sides of his float.

J. W. Salzman was represented by three wagons and S. Staples by six wagons. William U. Mason, grocer, represented his grocery store by a wagon drawn by two horses decorated in rich trappings

The butchers J. Rupp and John Weber, Jr. had wagons. Weber's wagon contained lambs decorated with bunting. W. T. Van Buren had two wagons in the procession.

S. B. Thing had a well made up float. On it was the giant whose footprints are on the sidewalk in front of their store.

Kaufmann's creamery had six wagons in line each representing different departments of the business.

Gibson's soap factory carried several men who were making and boxing soap and giving out samples.

Derrenbacher's confectionery contained a figure representing a monkey that created a great deal of fun.

The float of J. T. Rider, dealer in musical instruments, contained a piano which was played by expert performers all along the route.

Montanye & Co. had a boot on their wagon as large as the one owned by Jack the giant killer, and they distributed all along the streets sample boots about an inch in length.

The Union Pacific Tea Company, J. J. Albrecht, grocer and Hendricks & Swart, grocers, were represented.

John M. Mayer, the wagon maker had a wagon factory in full operation.

On the wagon of James H. Cullen was a throne, on which was seated a very pretty little girl.

Sampson Brothers' float was drawn by six horses and on it were tailors at work.

Casper Michaels, wine maker, had an attractive float which represented a party drinking wine while seated under a vine covered trellis.

Three horses, hitched tandem, were driven before a loaded wagon of the National Express Company.

McLaughlan & Hennessy, horse shoers, gave an exhibition of their expertness in fastening shoes on horses.

Howard Myer had two floats. On one were seated cigar makers at work while the other represented the wholesale tobacco department.

Mrs. Hitzman, the market gardener, came in for much attention for her neat display of garden truck.

The two large floats of Van Deusen Bros. were very attractive and handsome. Pillars of sponges held up a curving top of one and four small colored boys dressed in red with turbans were seated upon it. The other float was filled with barrels on the heads of which were lettered the names of the various articles dealt in by the firm.

Parish had a revolving carpet cleaner in line.

Owen McEnrany, the basket man, displayed his wares and was at work on his float weaving baskets.

E. T. McGill, milk dealer, had three wagons and M. Jerson was also represented.

M. J. Madden, wines and liquors, had a large float, as did Dwyer Bros., paints and oils.

Among the noticeable display were those of McMillan & Johnson and J. Hasbrouck, the down town hardware dealers. Each had a large decorated float on which were goods representative of these firms.

Von Beck & Crowley, The Star, the Grand Union Tea Company; the Union Pacific Tea Company and the American Tea Company were all represented by their gaily bedecked delivery wagons.

Among the butchers not heretofore mentioned were wagons of Finger Brothers, G. F. Raichle, with men making sausages, Frank Merritt, Henry Bloss, H. Bucholtz and Edward Weber with their wagons.

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John S. Thompson, pork packer, made a noticeable exhibit of hams, while Frank S. Griffith did likewise with flour.

Albert Mauterstock's float was backed with picture moulding and otherwise displayed the products of his large sash and door factory.

Ferd. Snyder, beer bottler and Cummings & Kiernan, ale brewers each had their business represented, as was Abram Wood's.

H. R. Kaplan, candy dealer, and Roth the druggist, were in line. The latter's float contained people wearing masks.

Three carriages contained local representatives of Prudential Life Insurance Company.

Charles P. Romer, grocer, had two wagons, and A. P. Van Burch, J. J. Albrecht and Elvin Deyo each had one.

A large float represented Hildebrandt, the coal dealer.

Charles Snyder exhibited on a float a miniature sidewheel steamboat, with steam up and wheels revolving.

The stove dealers who made a very attractive display were the Caulfield Stove Company, Henry Wieber, Davis & Hoffman and F. Gallagher.

The Hauck Brewing Company, and the Jacob Hoffman Brewing Company displays were very noticeable.

Other displays were: D. Mulholland, hams; Mansion House, cigars; Cline Bros. bottles; F. Stephan, flour; Terwilliger, hats; Wiltwyck bakery; Lentz Bros, soap; Harris, shoe dealer; Chris Schmid, baker; John McCausland, florist and last but not least, a large float of T. Partlan, horseshoer, on which were two live horses and a force of men.

The Electrical Display

The electrical illumination of the city hall last night attracted many people. There was a string of red, white and blue incandescent lights strung from the tower to a telegraph pole in the street and the great search light in the tower turned darkness into light, wherever it shone. This display was the contribution of the Kingston Electric Light Company

Notes of the Day

Old Washington and Lackawanna steamers were as bright as a new dollar. Charles Reddick rode on old Washington.

Wiltwyck Hose Company escorted Snyder Hose from the train in the morning and back again in the evening. They entertained the visitors at the Clinton House.

There were a number of minor accidents yesterday but none of them were serious. In fact the town was remarkably quiet and free from disorder, considering the immense crowd of people.

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The Italian royal standard which decorated the Kingston Club House, Columbus Day, was loaned to the House Committee of the club by Messrs. Dondero & Cuneo, Wall street fruit dealers. Both members of the firm are natives of Genoa, Italy.

The following bands were in line: Dorling's of Troy, Scofield's of Poughkeepsie, Margaretville, Whiteport, East Kingston, Rifton, MacGinnis' of High Falls, Goeller's, Ponckhockie, Elting Post Band, New Whitaker's, Woerner's, Hurley Drum Corps, Buckley's of Bloomingdale, South Rondout.

The Day at Other Places.

Columbus Day was observed in Port Ewen and brought out a large number of people to witness the parade of the schools. A procession formed about 9 o'clock headed by Master Earl Houghtaling mounted as guide, then Bartram Houghtaling and William Anderson on wheels gorgeously trimmed with American colors. Then came the Port Ewen Cadets headed by the Bloomingdale Drum Corps, in uniform with drum major. The next in order was a delegation of the Grand Army. Then the Port Ewen day school, headed by the trustee and principal, M. A. Baldwin. The march was taken up, and at the upper end of the village the school from the upper district was met, headed by the principal and Port Ewen drum corps. The procession proceeded through the principal streets, and ended at the school house, where appropriate exercises took place.

Columbus Day was celebrated in every village in the Southern Ulster tier of towns with more or less ceremony. At Marlborough, Highland, New Paltz, Milton, Clintondale and Plattekill elaborate programmes were given by the school children. [line drawings – "Drum Major James S. Barber" and "Dazed by the Glittering Splendor of Sergeant Cahill"] [illustrations]

1591. The Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Nov. 15, 1892.

The addition to Firemens' Hall for the storage of R. A. Snyder Hose parade carriage is completed and the carriage safely stored therein. Large glass doors open from the main building into the addition and the carriage can be viewed from the lower floor of the main building at anytime.

1592. Kingston Leader, Oct 22, 1892. – Wiltwyck and Her Guests.

The members of Wiltwyck Hose Co., No. 1 have reason to feel proud of their guests on this occasion. At 9:43 o'clock in the morning a delegation of Wiltwyck's members proceeded to the West Shore depot to await the arrival of Snyder Hose Co. No. 1 of Saugerties. On the arrival of that organization it was escorted to the headquarters of the Wiltwycks on Fair street. The members then spent the time until the dinner hour in promenading up town streets and taking sly glances at Kingston's pretty young ladies, when they were taken to the Clinton House and entertained. Both Wiltwycks and their guests looked splendidly in the afternoon's parade. Snyder Hose had forty-seven men in uniform. Their foreman is Ernest Hassinger, First Assistant, F. A. Jewett, and Second Assistant, L. B. Stanton. They have a full fawn colored uniform, and a parade carriage that any organization may be proud of. For precision of step and general appearance in line they were not surpassed by any of our town firemen, and the residents of our northern Ulster village may point to them with pride. If THE LEADER had been the judge, they would have carried home that Catskill prize. After the parade and a little brushing off of the dust the Snyders were again dined at The Clinton, and afterward escorted to the West Shore depot. [hand dated]

1593. The Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Nov. 14, 1892.

The Democratic Jubilee torchlight procession has been appointed to take place in this village on Friday evening of this week, Nov. 18th. Besides local organizations the following companies from abroad will take part in the parade. Kingston Continentals, Kennedy gun squad, West Shore Club, Chandler gun squad of Barrytown, De Peyster gun squad of Tivoli, Hyde Park gun squad, Catskill High Hat Brigade, Catskill drum corps, Dr. Wurts gun squad of East Kingston and others. Line of march will be as follows; Form on Washington avenue, right on Lafayette street and march to Market, to Ulster avenue, to Elizabeth, to Livingston, to Second, to Main, to Partition, to Lafayette, to John, to Main, to Washington

avenue, to Russell, to Partition, to Main, to Market, where parade will be dismissed. There will be several bands of music and drum corps in line.

1594. The Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Nov. 25, 1892.

Thanksgiving morning, Gaius Van Steenberg was found dead in his room at the Exchange Hotel. He was discovered laying on the bed partly dressed, by the chamber maid, who summoned Edward Proper, the porter. Mr. Proper sent for Coroner Kemble, who arrived and took charge of the body, which was taken to the undertaking establishment of Messrs. Belch & Keenan. The coroner did not consider it necessary to hold an inquest, as it was evident Mr. Van Steenburg [*sic*] had died from consumption, of which he had been very low for the past few days. He was a veteran of the late war, serving as a private in Capt. Dibble's company of the 15th New York Volunteer Engineers. Although he was not a member of the G. A. R., yet Tappen Post, of this village, paid his funeral expenses and interred his remains in the Main street cemetery, this afternoon.

1595. How strange the tricks that fortune plays us! She wins our love and then betrays us; We toil for wealth and we receive it - Just in good time to die and leave it.

1596. The Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Nov. 15, 1892. – Our Common Council – Business Transacted at a Special Meeting Held Monday Evening, Nov. 14th.

A special meeting of the Board of Village Directors was held in their room Monday evening, Nov. 14th. All the Directors were present except Director Huyck. President Van Keuren presided.

The first matter taken up by the Board was to make arrangements for the coming election of village officers.

The clerk was instructed to have the usual charter election notice published, calling the election at Firemen's Hall on Tuesday, December 12th. The polls of the election to be open from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. This election is to be held under the new ballot reform law.

The President appointed B. M. Coon, Patrick Maxwell and Norman Cunyes inspectors of election to act for one year.

The clerk was instructed to have the necessary booths erected and to make the necessary arrangements.

The President was appointed a committee of one to dispose of the brick in the rear of Firemen's Hall and to sell the old hose carriage which stands in the lot back of the building and to have the rubbish cleaned up about the building.

The Street Commissioner was directed to raise the curb and gutter in front of the Roosa property so as to conform with the grade furnished. Roosa having failed to have the work done after being regularly notified, the village will do the same and charge it against the property.

Director Davis moved that a legal notice be served on Van Santford Roosa compelling him to lay flagstone walk in front of his property on John street, which was carried.

On motion, all other property owners on John street who had not complied with the notice to lay flagstone walk, be notified to have the same done at once and if not done at once, the Street Commissioner was authorized to do the same at the expense of the owners of the property.

Jacob Van Gelder stated to the Board that the culvert on Main street, near the Ulster Conservatories, had washed out and needed repairs. The Street Commissioner was directed to repair the same.

On motion the Board adjourned.

1597. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Jan. 23, 1893.

Shortly after nine o'clock Sunday morning, the barn and carriage house of Col. H. D. Laflin on West Bridge street was discovered to be on fire, and an alarm was sounded. The fire department quickly responded but in spite of their efforts the building was consumed. The contents including horses, cows,

sleighs, etc., on the lower floor were safely removed. The loft containing a quantity of hay, a dog-cart and a sulky were consumed. The barn was insured by \$1,400 in Keeney's agency in this village. It is supposed the fire originated from the chimney in the barn.

1598. Postage Stamp, US Special Postal Delivery, 10 cents. [light orange]

1599. Pink card – Compliments of Ernest Hassinger, Foreman, R. A. Snyder Hose Co. No. 1. Saugerties, N. Y. Catskill October 4th and 5th 1892. [line drawing of a parade carriage] [illustration]

1600. The Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Jan. 4, 1893.

At the annual meeting of R. A. Snyder Hose Co. No. 1, held Tuesday evening, Jan. 3d, 1893, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: John A. Snyder, President; Thomas B. Belch, Vice-President; John D. Fratsher, Secretary; William H. Rifenberg, Treasurer; Clarence G. Wilson, Representative; Ernest Hassinger, Delegate to State Convention; L. B. Stanton and William P. Freligh, Delegates to Tri-County Convention; L. B. Stanton, Foreman; Ernest Myer, First Assistant Foreman; H. C. Dolson, Second Assistant Foreman; John D. Fratsher, Edward J. Lewis and William Ziegler, Trustees.

1601. The Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Aug. 16, 1893.

A terrible accident occurred at the Canoe Hill crossing of the West Shore R. R. Tuesday evening whereby Thomas B. Belch, of the well-known firm of Belch & Keenan, lost his left hand. Mr. Belch was returning home from Palenville in a buggy wagon drawn by a single horse and when near the crossing, one of the hind wheels came off, and he unhitched the horse and led it across the track just as the up train due at 8:28 was passing. The horse became frightened, and in some manner threw Mr. Belch down. In falling, his left hand struck the rail, and the car wheels passed over it, severing it at the wrist. Mr. Belch, in his wounded condition, managed to walk to the residence of his father-in-law, James O. Beers, and Dr. John H. DeWitt was summoned who succeeded in stopping the flow of blood. Dr. Charles DeWitt, of Quarryville, and Dr. Crawford of West Camp, were also summoned, and the unfortunate man's hand was amputated just above the wrist. Mr. Belch carries an accident insurance policy for \$5,000, and will receive \$2,500 for loss of his hand.

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1602. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Nov. 22, 1892. - How the Verdict was Received. Incidents Relating to the Closing Session of the Trumbour Trial.

The jury who sat on the Trumbour case agreed upon their verdict of guilty after a short deliberation. After the case had been summed up, and Judge Fursman had delivered his charge, the jury were given their dinner and did not get back in their room until after 1 o'clock. Judge Fursman wished to take the early afternoon train home so he decided to come into court at 2 o'clock when he could adjourn court and reach the depot. Before 2 o'clock the jury agreed and an officer went after the judge. The court room filled up in the meantime. Ostrander walked down the aisle very calm, smoking a corn cob pipe, out of which, however, he knocked the ashes before the judge took his seat. Among the audience were about a dozen ladies who had come as spectators. Trumbour came in leaning on the arm of an officer, looking very feeble. His wife, who had followed him, laid her head on his shoulder and wept silently. They well knew what the verdict would be, for after the judge had charged the jury Trumbour asked his counsel what he thought would be the verdict, and Mr. DeWitt told him that he must expect a verdict of guilty. Trumbour and his wife were therefore prepared for the worst. When the foreman was asked the verdict of the jury, he was told to look at Trumbour and Trumbour without rising was told to look upon the jurors. The jurors then pronounced the verdict guilty but Trumbour did not change color. When the jury was agreed and the sheriff went to the room where Trumbour was confined he told him. To this Trumbour said "The jury have agreed pretty quick." Most wives would have decided not

to go in the court room, but Mrs. Trumpbour did not allow her husband to go alone for she followed him, took her seat by his side and laid her head on his shoulder. Not a sob was heard from her, and those who had expected a scene were not gratified. After the crowd had gone Trumpbour was led to the jail. He was in a weak condition, and it was evident he could not stand alone.

The verdict was not a surprise to any one. It was expected that the jury would render a verdict of guilty. Some persons seem to think that there was a possibility of Trumpbour committing suicide in case he had the opportunity before sentence was pronounced. Others did not believe this for the reason that Trumpbour expected a move would be made for a new trial, and there is always hope as long as there is life; and Trumpbour has always been a hopeful sanguine man.

On Sunday Trumpbour was much brighter. Very much more cheerful, though weak and debilitated. It is the general opinion in the community that he cannot live for a great while.

There was sympathy expressed for Mrs. Trumpbour and Trumpbour's two grandchildren, the Misses Budington. Their mother is dead and no one knows where their father is, whether dead or alive, for he has not been seen for some years. They are interesting young ladies, and of course are thoroughly convinced of the innocence of their grandfather. Mr. Trumpbour has been very kind to them and will look after their welfare.

1603. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Nov. 22, 1892. - Exempt Firemen Organize. - The Exempts Meet and Organize – Will Meet Again Friday Night.

At a meeting of exempt firemen held in the rooms of Snyder Hose Co. No. 1, Monday evening, William C. Mitchell was chosen temporary chairman, and Irwin Ronk, secretary.

The object of the meeting was stated to be for the purpose of organizing and exempt fireman's association.

On motion, it was resolved to form an exempt firemans' association

On motion, it was resolved that the association be known and hailed as the Exempt Firemans' Association, of Saugerties, N. Y.

On motion it was resolved that qualifications for membership should consist of good character and proof of service – said service to have been rendered anywhere in the United States of America.

On motion, it was resolved that a committee to report officers for a permanent organization be appointed to report at another meeting to be held in Snyder Hose Co.'s room, Friday evening, Nov. 25th.

The chair appointed the following gentlemen as such committee: Edward Jernegan, Thomas J. Barritt, James G. Teller, Sanford Montross, Patrick Maxwell and Phillip Mattes.

On motion a vote of thanks was extended to Snyder Hose Co. for courtesy in extending the use of their rooms to the association.

On motion, meeting adjourned. Irwin Ronk, Temporary Secretary.

1604. The Democratic jubilee parade Monday night was a very creditable affair. The music was furnished by the Saugerties Cornet Band and the Citizens Brass Band of Red Hook. The line of march as previously published in THE POST was carried out and many of the decorations and illuminations along the route were elegant. Only home organizations participated, the expected companies from abroad taking part in the parade at Poughkeepsie. The William F. Russell gun squad, the Doyle gun squad and the James Mann gun squad occupied conspicuous places in line. The business men and the cavalcade of horsemen attracted particular attention. The parade was dismissed about 11 o'clock. [no date or paper]

1605. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Nov. 26, 1892. – THE EXEMPTS. – Form A Permanent Organization at the Adjourned Meeting.

The adjourned meeting of the Saugerties Fireman's Exempt Association was held in Snyder Hose Co.'s room Friday evening, Nov. 25th.

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Mitchell Dawes was chosen temporary chairman in the absence of William C. Mitchell, who was unavoidably detained.

The committee to whom was referred the duty of reporting nominations for permanent officers of the association made the following report:

Saugerties, N. Y., Nov. 25, 1892

To the Exempt Fireman's Association of Saugerties, N. Y.:

BROTHERS – Your committee to whom was delegated the duty to nominate permanent officers for the organization, would report that we have performed the duty assigned us and respectfully submit the following for your consideration, viz:

President - For President, James Maines; For First Vice-President, John H. Hardenberg; For Second Vice-President, Jeremiah Finger; For Secretary, Mitchell Dawes; For Treasurer, Thomas B. Keeney.

On motion, the report of the committee was received, and the nominations were unanimously confirmed.

On motion, meeting adjourned subject to call of the president. Mitchell Dawes, Secretary.

Following is a list of exempt firemen who have agreed to become members of the association, together with the name of the company to which they did service.

Thomas J. Barritt, Washington H. & L. Co. No. 1.

W. R. Freligh, Snyder Hose Co. No. 1.

Mitchell Dawes, Taber Hose Co. No. 1. Leadville, Colorado.

John Lang, Snyder Hose Co. No. 1.

Charles L. Maines, Snyder Hose Co. No. 1.

Samuel J. Adams, Rough & Ready Engine Co. No. 1.

Frank Hansen, Washington H. & L. Co. No. 1.

John H. Hardenberg, Minnehaha Steamer Co. No. 1.

Edward Jernegan, Empire Engine Co. No. 2.

Irwin Ronk, Kingston Hose Co. No. 2, Kingston.

Thomas L. Masten, Washington H. & L. Co. No. 1.

John T. A. Jewett, Deluge Engine Co. No. 1, Jamestown, N. Y.

Samuel Cohen, Snyder Hose Co. No. 1.

Will S. Manning, Binghamton Hose Co. No. 4, Binghamton, N. Y.

Carroll Whitaker, Minnehaha Steamer Co. No. 1.

Philip Mattes, Minnehaha Steamer Co. No. 1.

H. D. Laflin, Washington H. & L. Co. No. 1.

Charles Quase, Snyder Hose Co. No. 1.

Cornelius E. Quick, Rough & Ready Engine Co. No. 1.

James G. Teller, Eagle H. & L. Co. No. 1, Kingston.

William C. Mitchell, Empire Engine Co. No. 2.

Sanford Montross, Rough & Ready Engine Co. No. 1.

Patrick Maxwell, Laflin Hose Co. No. 2.

Alexander Lackey, Empire Engine Co. No. 2.

Geo. H. Morgan, Empire Engine Co. No. 2.

James Maines, Rough & Ready Engine Co. No. 1.

Reuben Quick, Washington H. & L. Co. No. 1.

Thomas B. Keeney, Hyland Hose Co. No. 1, Hudson

Jeremiah Finger, Washington H. & L. Co. No. 1.

Lewis Fratsher, Minnehaha Steamer Co. No. 1.

Denis Mc Laughlin, Chapman Hose Co. No. 4, Newburgh.

Joseph W. Reinhard, Snyder Hose Co. No. 1.

Egbert Cooper, Rough & Ready Engine Co. No. 1.

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Geo. Schmidt, Rough & Ready Engine Co. No. 1.
 Edson Finger, Rough & Ready Engine Co. No. 1.
 Andrew B. Irons, City Hose Co. No. 2, Philadelphia, Penn.
 Michael Manion, Rough & Ready Engine Co. No. 1.

1606. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Dec. 7, 1892. Our Common Council – Business Transacted at the Regular Meeting, Dec. 6th.

The regular meeting of the village Board of Directors' was held in their rooms Tuesday evening, Dec. 6th. Present – all the Directors. President Van Keuren presided.

Minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read and approved.

Street Commissioner Donahue petitioned the Board for extra compensation for work performed on the streets. The petition was received and placed on file.

Robert A. Snyder petitioned for a street lamp to be placed near the ferry slip. On motion, petition was granted and the Directors of Ward No. 1 were authorized to have the same put into position as soon as possible.

Finance committee reported the bill of Jernegan & Ronk, amount \$39, correct, and on motion it was ordered paid.

Special committee to whom was referred the question of paving damages to P. Rourke for the breaking of a wagon on Ulster avenue, reported against allowing same, and the Board endorsed the action of the committee. On motion, the committee was discharged.

The old brick taken from the rear wall of Fireman's Hall to make room for the extension was sold to Norman Cunyes for \$2.50.

Snyder Hose Co. No. 1 made application for a certificate of membership for William Doyle, and on motion, application was granted and clerk instructed to issue same.

The bill of the Saugerties Coal & Lumber Co., amount \$86.57, was referred to the committee having in charge of the extension to the rear of Fireman's Hall.

The bill of Daniel Lamb amount \$125.82 was referred to the Finance committee.

The following bills were ordered paid:

P. Maxwell, lighting lamps &c.	\$ 41.50
Saugerties Coal and Lumber Co., sundries	10.15
Henry A. Ohley, two Hose pipes for Laffin Hose Co.	20.00
H. A. Hildebrandt, sundries	41.19
Geo. E. Yerger, janitor	6.00
H. A. Ohley, expense testing Empire Engine	1.50
Freligh & Howard, work on extension to Fireman's Hall and stone crusher building	86.05
Robert Lent, brick	4.75
Norman Cunyes, work on Fremans' [sic] Hall	22.82
Geo. W. Elting, painting, &c.	54.75
Wm. H. Eckert, salary as treasurer	30.00
J. S. Dederick, clerk	5.00
John A. Lowther, sign posts	6.00
William Doyle, cartage	5.26
P. Canner & Co., iron work and sundries	18.74
Geo. McNally, labor	29.61
J. H. Hardenburg, error in assessment	3.00
Nelson Myer, drawing water for stone crusher	8.75
Eugene Barritt, painting signs for Board of Health	2.50

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Herman Gleisner, labor	1.80
James Donohue, Street Commissioner	137.33
John Lang, sharpening tools	2.48
Fred Yonker, work for stone crusher	30.00
Fred Yonker, work for stone crusher	9.50

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Fred Yonker, work for stone crusher	25.20
William Doyle, cartage	88.33
Phillips & Wright, quarrying stone	20.00
John W. Shook, labor	13.12
William Lowther, labor	9.00
Elmer Sickler, labor	6.75
John W. Shook, labor	11.25
Joseph Waller, quarrying stone	49.50
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William Lowther, labor	7.50
Patrick Corcoran, sanitary inspector	25.00
Finger & Lewis, sundries	94.10
John Lang, sharpening tools, etc.	15.00
Certificates of indebtedness were issued as follows:	
Finger & Lewis, sundries	94.10
John Lang	15.00
Patrick Maxwell	41.50

The treasurer's annual report was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Cunyes and Davis. On motion, the Exempt Fireman's Association was granted privilege to use the Directors' room in which to hold their meetings.

The clerk was directed to notify the Telephone Co. to remove their old poles on Burt street. Chief Ohley, of the fire department, reported he had inspected the steamer Minnehaha and found it to be in good condition. The Empire hand engine was in good order, with the exception of some slight repairs which were needed to her.

The fire hose in the department he found in very bad condition, but very little of it fit for use at all. The total amount of the hose he found to be 630 feet, and he stated that an appropriation of at least \$1,000 was necessary to supply the immediate wants of the department.

Clerk reported license fees collected by him to be the amount of \$5 which had been turned over to the treasurer.

The clerk was directed to notify the Water Co. to repair the fire cisterns through which the company have run their water pipes.

The bill of the street commissioner, amount \$18.88, for work done to curb and gutters in front of the property of Van Santford Roosa on John street, was ordered to be presented to the agent for the property for payment.

On motion, Board adjourned.

1607. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Dec. 17, 1892. – A Sad Affair. - James G. Teller Commits Suicide.

This community was shocked Friday afternoon about four o'clock to lean that James G. Teller had committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a revolver.

Mr. Teller has not appeared at his home at the usual midday meal, and the family becoming alarmed at his absence, instituted a search for him. His oldest son James, tried to open the front door of the store, but found it locked. He then proceeded to the rear of the building and procuring a ladder gained

admittance to the store and found his father lying upon the floor, dead, with a bullet hole through his right temple.

Coroner Kimble was summoned who gave permission for the removal of the body and it was taken to the residence on Main street. The coroner impanelled a jury and adjourned the inquest until the fore part of next week.

1608. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Dec. 20, 1892. – The Fire Hydrants Will Probably be Shut Off After Jan. 1st.

The following notice has been served on the Village Board of Directors by the Saugerties Water Company.

The agreement made and entered into between the Board of Directors of the Village of Saugerties and the Saugerties Water Company for the use of hydrants for fire purposes will expire on the first day of January, 1893.

You are quite well aware that you have never paid to us any sum whatever for the use of these hydrants during the last five years. We desire to notify you the unless the contract is renewed, or some satisfactory agreement entered into, that we will, on the second day of January next, turn the water off from the hydrants, so that thereafter it will be impossible to use then until they are restored to their present condition.

We give you this timely notice in order that you may have an opportunity to consider the matter and renew the contract, or to enter into such other agreement as we can mutually agree upon. We are, Gentlemen, Your obedient servants, The Saugerties Water Company, By John S. Ellis, President.

1609. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Dec. 20, 1892. – The Teller Inquest.

The coroner's jury in the Teller inquest to-day returned the following verdict: We the jury summoned by Warren Kemble, coroner, to inquire into the circumstances attending the death of James G. Teller, after visiting the place of the suicide and viewing the body of deceased, and examining witnesses, have arrived at the following conclusion: That, while laboring under temporary aberration of mind, that on the 16th day of December, 1892, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m., James G. Teller came to his death by suicide, by the use of a revolver in his store on Partition street lately occupied by him for the sale of hats, caps, harness and... [article ends]

1610. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Sept. 5, 1893.

Labor Day was observed by Laflin Hose giving a picnic in the afternoon and evening on the Singer Park which was liberally patronized by a large number of people. Business places generally closed at noon and remained closed for the balance of the day. The company assembled at their house on Theodore Place shortly after one o'clock clad in their new uniforms and were getting ready for parade when an alarm of fire was sounded. Coats were thrown off and the boys did excellent service. After the fire was over, parade line was formed, under direction of the drill master, Col. H. D. Laflin, and headed by the Catskill Drum Corps and escorted by Snyder Hose Co., and Washington Hook & Ladder Co. made a short street parade on their way to the Park. The procession was greeted along the line of march with demonstrations of approval and good will. At frequent intervals the company gave exhibition drills where were received by large crowds with delight and admiration. Saugerties has occasion to feel proud of its fire department. It is in better condition to-day than it has been in many years. At the Park the company executed a number of fancy movements on the dancing platform, after which the picnic was inaugurated. They are a happy lot of young men, and they have cause to be.

1611. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Dec. 30, 1892. – Our Common Council. - Business Transacted at the Last Meeting of the Board for 1892.

Meeting of the Board of Directors of 1892 held their last meeting at Firemen's Hall Thursday evening, Dec. 29th. The meeting was a special and was called for the purpose of auditing bills, hearing the report of the commit on Treasurer's report and to take action on the communication from the Water Company in regard to taking water for fire purposes for the year 1893.

All the directors were present and President Van Keuren presided.

The minutes of the meeting of Dec. 6th were read and approved.

O. T. Simmons came before the Board and stated that a sewer on Hill street near the bridge was overflowing which cause ice to form on the side walk and roadway, making it dangerous for pedestrians. A similar complaint was made of the condition of the walk at the foot of the hill on McCarthy street. Motion made that a committee be appointed to notify the parties who are causing the overflow of gutters to stop the same at once, and the Street Commission make the walks passable as soon as possible.

The President appointed as such committee: Directors Conyes, [*sic*] Huyck and Street Commissioner Donohue.

The communication from the Saugerties Water Company in regard to shutting of water, which has been published in THE POST, was then read by the Clerk; after some discussion the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the communication of the Saugerties Water company be received and placed on file and that the Clerk reply to said communication stating that the Board has no agreement with said company for water and do not at present contemplate making any contract. Said company being the owner of said hydrants and the water are at liberty to do with the same as they see fit.

The committee on Treasurer's report reported it correct and the committee was discharged.

On motion the Board adjourned *sine die*.

1612. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Sept. 5, 1893.

Monday afternoon between 1 and 2 o'clock, the barn on Washington avenue belonging to Messrs. Burhans & Brainard was discovered to be on fire and an alarm was sent out which was promptly responded to by the fire department. The barn was entirely consumed together with three horses and the entire contents. The team belonging to Dr. S. L. Dawes was gotten out, but the doctor lost property to the value of about \$150 on which there is no insurance. The Messrs. Burhans & Brainard had \$1,400 insurance in Merclean's agency divided \$50 on the building; \$375 on horses; \$200 on carriage, wagons, etc., and \$25 on hay. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

1613. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. April 5, 1893.

Dr. Willett Kidd, State Fish and Game Protector, was in town Tuesday investigating an alleged violation of the law here.

1614. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Jan. 13, 1893. – The Union School Meeting.

The School meeting called for the purpose of deciding for or against the formation of a Union Free School in this village, was convened at Fireman's Hall this forenoon.

On motion of George W. Elting, William F. Russell was chosen chairman.

Albert Carnright was chosen secretary.

Trustee Clum, of District No. 21, read the law bearing on the subject of the formation of a Union Free School District.

After considerable discussion, on motion of Theodore B. Cornwell, it was resolved to vote on the question by ballot, and that the polls remain open until one o'clock, p. m.

Chauncey E. Rightmyer, William L. Darbee and Norman Cunyes were appointed inspectors of election.

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There were 238 votes cast, of which: "For a Union Free School" received 158, and "Against a Union Free School" received 85. Majority for the school, 68.

On motion, it was voted that the Board of Education consist of nine members, divided into three classes as follows, three to serve for one year, three for two years and three for three years.

On motion, meeting adjourned to meet at the same place on Friday, Jan. 20th, 1893, for the election of a Board of Education and for the purpose of transacting such other business as may come before the meeting, and that polls of the said election remain open from 10 a. m. to 11 a. m. of that day.

1615. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Jan. 20, 1893. – UNION FREE SCHOOL MEETING. The Adjourned School Meeting Elects a Board of Education.

This morning according to adjournment the Union Free School meeting took place at Fireman's Hall for the purpose of electing a Board of Education.

Edward Jernegan was chosen chairman and Charles E. Holt secretary.

Norman Cunyes, W. L. Darbee and Charles E. Cornwell were appointed inspectors of election.

The polls opened at 10:05 a. m., and closed at 11:05 a. m.

There were 207 votes polled with the following result:

THREE YEAR TERM

O. T. Simmons	131
T. B. Cornwell	132
Chas. Clum	133
Fred. T. Russell	75
Ebenezer L. Quick	76
John Fellows	73

TWO YEAR TERM

C. Whitaker	129
W. L. Darbee	131
W. Porter	133
Albert Carnright	76
Daniel Lamb	75
Peter E. Shears	75

ONE YEAR TERM

J. C. Davis	131
A. P. Lasher	129
P. Canner	132
Jeremiah K. Merritt	76
James H. Van Keuren	76
Eugene Barritt	74

For Clerk

Richard B. Overbagh	76
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On motion meeting adjourned.

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1616. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Jan. 30, 1893. – The Water Question.

To the Editor of the Post:

Listen! Listen! I thought I heard the fire bell ring. Some day you will hear these words, and if the wind blows, God help, the water company will not. This state of affairs have caused insurance companies to put up rates, in some cases nearly double, in our village. No doubt those who have paid insurance since, and had to pay the insurance, wondered if the extra insurance was not more than their water tax would be. Large owners of improved real estate can risk a loss; those who own their homes and are in

moderate circumstances want to insure, those who are mortgaged must insure to protect the mortgagee.

This naturally opens the question: would a water tower on the Canoe Hill property, with the engine, which we own, to pump water in the tower, (and from the tower we could supply the boiler of the stone crusher with water,) and when running the engine crushing stone, could be filling the tower, and the water necessary could be pumped from the Saw Creek, or from the Davis lot near the depot.

Question. Could not our village better afford to put in a system of its own, than to pay any company even \$30 per hydrant, (price asked by the water company I believe is \$40 per hydrant) or would it be better to build a new gravity system from the West Saugerties stream, for drinking purposes as well, and while putting it down also sewer our village, or if our village does not see fit to do anything in this matter, would our people be willing to give a private citizen a franchise [*sic*] to put in the water and sewer system and agree to take 50 hydrants at \$25 each for 15 years?

This is written in a spirit of justice and good will toward all, and is meant as a question. In such an emergency what are we to do? Yours respectfully, PERPLEXED

1617. Last Saturday the Water Co. plugged up all the fire hydrants in town, so that in case of fire they are all useless. What a commentary on political economy in our village governmental affairs.

1618. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Jan. 6, 1893. – Our New City Fathers – They Meet for Organization – Marcellus H. Wygant Elected President – Other Officers.

The Board of Directors for the year 1893 met at their room in Firemens' Hall on Thursday evening, for organization.

Clerk James Dederick called to Board to order and extended the seasons greeting to all. He stated that the first thing in order was the election of a president.

On motion the Board proceeded to an informal ballot for president. The result was as follows:

James H. Van Keuren	3
Norman Cunyes	2
Tjerck Huyck	1

On motion a formal ballot was taken which resulted as follows:

James H. Van Keuren	3
Norman Cunyes	2
Tjerck Huyck	1

Another ballot was taken and the results was changed to the following

James H. Van Keuren	2
Norman Cunyes	3
M. H. Wygant	1

Two more ballots were taken with a like results.

Mr. Van Keuren offered to compromise the matter and withdraw in favor of Mr. Wygant. This Mr. Cunyes favored but Mr. Wygant declined the honor.

Another ballot was taken which resulted as follows:

Norman Cunyes	3
M. H. Wygant	3

Seeing that the deadlock would probably exist all evening and nothing would be accomplished it was unanimously decided to elect a president by acclamation, which resulted in the election of Marcellus H. Wygant as president.

Mr. Wygant then took the president's chair and in a neat manner thanked the members for the unexpected honor they had forced upon him.

The Board the proceeded to the election of a vice-president, which ballot resulted as follows:

Norman Cunyes	1
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Tjerck Huyck 5

The president declared Mr. Huyck elected vice-president.

The next in order was the election of a clerk for the Board. Mr. Cunyes named Mr. Dederick, the old clerk and Mr. Van Keuren named B. M. Coon.

A ballot was ordered with resulted as follows:

James Dederick 5

B. M. Coon 1

The president declared Mr. Dederick elected Clerk.

On motion the Board proceeded to an informal ballot for Street Commissioner with the result as follows:

Patrick Corcoran 3

George Morgan 3

The formal ballot showed the result to be the same.

Five more ballots were taken but the result remained the same.

On motion of Mr. Cunyes the election of street commissioner was laid over until later in the evening, and the Board proceeded to an informal ballot for janitor of Firemens' Hall with the result as follows:

Ernest Hassinger 3

Jacob Lang 3

A formal ballot resulted as follows:

Ernest Hassinger 4

Jacob Lang 2

The president declared Ernest Hassinger elected janitor for the ensuing year.

The president asked that the election of officers of the fire department be laid over until the next meeting of the Board as the firemen were desirous of presenting such names for officers as will be satisfactory to all.

There being no objection to the request the same was laid over.

On motion the election of the engineers of steamer was by acclamation.

Mr. Van Keuren named Chas. Capen who was elected.

Mr. Cunyes named Charles Montross who was also elected.

On motion the salary of engineers be the same as last year, viz; \$40 each.

Mr. Cunyes moved that Mr. Persons be retained as keeper of the town clock at the same salary as last year, \$50, which was carried.

The president appointed as a finance committee for the ensuing year: Norman Cunyes, Charles E. Cornwell and Tjerck Huyck.

After discussing the matter the Board decided to hold its regular meetings on the first Saturday evening of each month

The election of Street Commissioner was again taken up and a ballot taken with the same result as before:

Patrick Corcoran 3

George Morgan 3

Mr. Cuynes moved that one more ballot be taken and if the Board failed to agree upon a candidate then the matter lay over until the next meeting and a committee be appointed to look after the commissioner's work, which was carried.

After the ballot the teller reports as follows:

Patrick Corcoran 2

George Morgan 3

Daniel Curley 1

There being another candidate in the field a motion was made to rescind Mr. Cunyes' motion which was carried.

Another ballot was ordered which resulted as follows:

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Patrick Corcoran 3

George Morgan 3

On motion the election of Street Commissioner was held over until the next meeting of the Board, and the President was empowered to appoint a committee to look after the Commissioner's work.

The President appointed as such committee:

Ward No. 1 – Tjerck Huyck

Ward No. 2 – Daniel Curley

Ward No. 3 – Norman Cunyes.

On motion the Board adjourned.

1619. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Jan. 9, 1893. – Our Common Council – First Meeting of the New Board – Important Business Transacted – The Deadlock for a Street Commissioner Continues.

The new Board of Directors held their first regular meeting at Firemen's Hall, Saturday evening, January 7th. All the directors were present and president Wygant presided.

The clerk read the minutes of the special meeting of Dec. 29th of the old board, and on motion they were adopted as read.

On motion the reading of the minutes of organization of the new board was dispensed with.

The Clerk read a communication from R. A. Snyder Hose Company, and Washington Hook & Ladder Company, presenting the following names for officers of the fire department. Rudger D. Suderley, chief; Edward J. Lewis, second assistant chief; Ernest Hassinger, Treasurer.

It was stated that the office of first assistant was left blank in order that Laflin Hose Company might present a name for that office.

On motion the names presented were confirmed by the board.

Washington Hook & Ladder Co. applied for and were granted several certificates of membership.

A few bills which had been presented were read by the Clerk and disposed of.

On motion Charles Abeel and Henry Krantz were appointed night watchmen for the ensuing year at the same salary as heretofore, one dollar per week.

Complaint was made concerning a gas lamp on Lafayette street not being lighted on account of being frozen up, which was referred to the directors of that ward to attend to.

Director Cornwell in behalf of the trustees of the various schools asked permission to use lower room in Firemen's Hall for the purpose of holding and election to vote on the question of having a union free school system. On motion the request was granted.

The election of Street Commissioner was then taken up by the board and after taking two ballots and finding the vote equally divided between Messrs. Corcoran and Morgan, there was a motion made to adjourn which was carried

1620. Ernest Hassinger has an old-fashioned bicycle wheel decorated in colors hanging in the entrance to his cigar store on Partition street.

1621. The Kingston Leader, Kingston, NY. Saturday Jan. 2, 1893. - Welcome Guests – Annual Meeting of Wiltwyck Hose Company.

Wiltwyck Hose Co. No. 1, held its annual meeting at their rooms in Fireman's Hall last night, and the attendance of members was large, between 75 and 80 being present. After the transaction of some routine business, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

James E. Merrihew, President; James S. Winne, Foreman; James Seifferth, First Assistant;

James Van Keuren, Second Assistant; William Dugan, Secretary; Thomas Edmonston, Treasurer; P.

Arthur Westbrook, Representative to State Firemen's Convention; Robert Wilson, F. A. Westbrook,

Oscar Addie, W. H. Whitney, Frederick Gallagher, Henry Abbey, Trustees; Paul Cabel, Janitor.

After the election of officers a committee of R. A. Snyder Hose Co., of Saugerties were escorted to the meeting room, and President Cornelius Hume, in a few remarks stated that they had with them representatives of an organization which visited this city and took part in the Columbus Day parade, when it was the universal expression of all who witnessed them in line, that it was one of the finest bodies of uniformed firemen ever seen in Kingston. Mr. Hume said he took great pleasure in introducing Messrs. Lemuel B. Stanton, Ernest Myer, William P. Freligh, Ernest Hassinger, Edward J. Lewis, Frank Jewett and Philip Davis, and understood they had some information to impart. Mr. Jewett then on behalf of Snyder Hose Company, in a few well chosen remarks, presented a handsome gold-framed picture of the members of that company to Wiltwyck Hose. The picture is 4 ½ by 5 feet in size, and contains cabinet photographs, very tastily arranged, of the forty eight members of the Saugerties fire company, in the center of which is a photograph of the elegant carriage of the company. Mr. Jewett said that Snyder Hose was so well pleased with its visit to Kingston, and the hospitable greeting on that occasion, that they felt as if they could do nothing less than present the token they had brought with them as a memento. Aside from an invitation to attend the Tri-County Convention, the invitation of Wiltwyck Hose to be their guests on Columbus Day was the first the company had received, and accepted, and the events of that day will long be cherished by the members of Snyder Hose.

District Attorney Westbrook responded on behalf of Wiltwyck, and said that the annual gathering of that company was always looked upon as an occasion of pleasure, and a sort of firemen's day. It was made doubly pleasant by the presence of the Saugerties delegation at this time. These interchanges of courtesies are extremely pleasant, and more especially when it comes from an organization in our own, and from a sister village.

"You are welcome here to-night," said Mr. Westbrook. "The latch-string is on the outside. Make yourselves a home. I say without any hesitance that I am assured the good feeling now existing between the two companies will long continue."

Cheers were then given for the visitors, after which President Merrihew assumed the chair as presiding officer for the ensuing year. He named committees, and after the roll call the meeting adjourned and a social hour with the Saugerties "boy" was spent. They returned home on the midnight West Shore train. L. B. Stanton, one of the delegation, is Foreman of Snyder Hose and Ernest Myer is First Assistant.

1622. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. April 17, 1893.

The Village Board of Health met Saturday night and completed their organization by choosing the following officers: Benjamin F. Crump, President; Peter Canner, Vice-President; Alexander Lackey, Secretary; Dr. S. L. Dawes, Health Officer; Samuel W. Merclean, Registrar of Vital Statistics.

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1623. Kingston Daily Freeman, Kingston, NY. Jan. 7, 1893. — MATTERS FIREMANIC. — Officers elected by Various Hose Companies. - Those Who Will Conduct Affairs of Rapid, Weiner, Wiltwyck and Union — A Delegation of Snyder Hose Company of Saugerties Present Wiltwyck Hose Company with a Handsome Memento as a Token In Remembrance of Hospitable Greeting.

The annual meeting of Wiltwyck Hose Company which was held at their rooms in Fireman's Hall, Fair street, last night, was attended by about 80 members. As if to further emphasize the well known fact that the organization is a "Jim Dandy" four leading officer were elected who are known to their friends by the Christian name of "Jim." The list of officers chosen is: James E. Merrihew, President; James S. Winne, Foreman; James Seifferth, First Assistant; James Van Keuren, Second Assistant; William Dugan, Secretary; Thomas Edmonston, Treasurer; P. Arthur Westbrook, Representative to State Firemen's Convention; Robert Wilson, F. A. Westbrook, Oscar Addie, W. H. Whitney, Frederick Gallagher, Henry Abbey, Trustees; Paul Cabel, Janitor.

When all the officers were elected President Merrihew vacated the chair in favor of Cornelius Hume, who announced that he desired to introduce Lemuel B. Stanton, Ernest Myer, William P. Freligh, Ernest Hassinger, Edward J. Lewis, Frank Jewett and Philip Davis, representatives of R. A. Snyder Hose Company of Saugerties, an organization that took part in the Columbian Day parade, an organization the was conceded by the citizens of this city to be one of the finest bodies of uniformed firemen ever seen in Kingston, whose visit was made doubly pleasant because of the gentlemanly bearing of the members. Mr. Hume in introducing the visitors stated that he understood that they had some information to impart.

Mr. Jewett then took the floor, and in a brief address spoke of the hospitable manner in which Snyder Hose were treated on their visit to Kingston by Wiltwyck Hose. It was their first invitation, aside from their visit to Catskill to attend the Tri-County Convention, and the kind greeting and pleasant time had while guests of Wiltwyck will ever remain as an event to be cherished. "Snyder Hose Company," he said, "felt as if they could do nothing less than present a token to the Wiltwycks for the hospitable greeting given, and there-fore in behalf of Snyder Hose the representatives present had brought with them as a memento a frame containing pictures of the members of that organization and of their carriage."

F. A. Westbrook, responding on behalf of the Wiltwycks said the annual gathering of the company, an occasion of pleasure, was made doubly so by the presence of the delegation from Saugerties.

Interchanges of courtesies between organizations are extremely pleasant and more especially so when it comes from an organization of the character of Snyder Hose, an organization in our own county and from a sister village. The speaker said: "You are welcome here to-night. The latch-string is on the outside. Make yourselves at home. Without any hesitancy I say the good feeling existing between your organization and Wiltwyck will long continue."

The members of Wiltwyck Hose then repaired to the parlors where the present was on exhibition. It is a very elegant affair, being cabinet photographs of the 48 members of Snyder Hose Company artistically arranged on a cardinal plush background around a large photograph of the beautiful carriage of the Saugerties com- [sic] The pictures are enclosed in a deep gold frame 4 ½ by 6 feet. It is a handsome addition to the many decorations that adorn Wiltwyck's parlors and it is safe to say that the members will always point to this memento as representing one of the brightest incidents in the history of the company.

After the token had been viewed the visitors were taken in hand by the Wiltwycks, and until 11:45 when they returned, to Saugerties by the West Shore train, the delegations were royally entertained, thus further cementing the good feeling existing between the organizations.

At the annual meeting of Rapid Hose company, held on Thursday night the following officers were elected: John Burger, Foreman; George C. Kirchner, First Assistant; Ernest M. Brown, Second Assistant; Harry J. Caddy, Recording Secretary; Charles F. Walter, Financial Secretary; Albert A. Bishop, Treasurer; G. Wachmeyer, Jr., Rep to City Association; John Lang, Delegate to State Association; Peter P. Zeeh, Trustee.

Union Hose Company last night elected the following officers:

William F. Rafferty, President; P. J. Barry, Foreman; Joseph Henry, First Assistant; Joseph Murphy, Second Assistant; J. S. Kelly, Secretary; James J. Rafferty, Treasurer; Walter Garrison, Steward; Investigating Committee - Ira Quackenbush, Joseph Hendricks, Miles Redmond.

Weiner Hose Company held its annual meeting last night when the following were elected officers: Louis Koltz, Foreman; Charles Parsons, First Assistant; Joseph E. Diamond, Second Assistant; N. A. Hotaling, Secretary; John Gassen, Treasurer; John Meder, John Brook, Joseph Klein, Elvin Cole, J. E. Dismond, Trustees; William Koltz, John Bruck, delegates to Tri-County Convention; F. A. Diamond, Del. State Fireman's Convention.

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After the meeting the members repaired to the hotel of Gassen Brothers on Union avenue where, on invitation of the officers elected a banquet was served in which roast pig was the principal concomitant.

1624. After 5 days, return to Weed & Kennedy, 29 Liberty Street, New York, N. Y. [return address]

1625. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Feb. 3, 1893.

The following new members have been added to the roll call of the Exempt Fireman's Association since the last published report, together with the name of the company in which they served their time. Fordyce T. Osterhoudt, Washington Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1, Daniel N. Finger, Snyder Hose Co. No. 1, Alfred P. Lasher, Snyder Hose Co. No. 1, John McCormick, Empire Engine Co. No. 2, Ovid T. Simmons, Rough & Ready Engine Co. No. 1. The addition of these names brings the total membership of the Association up to 61.

1626. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Feb. 3, 1893. THE EXEMPT FIREMEN – Meet Again – Adopt a Uniform and Transact Other Business.

The adjourned meeting of the Saugerties Exempt Fireman's Association was held in the Directors' room of Fireman's Hall, Friday evening, Feb. 2d.

Jeremiah P. Russell was chosen Foreman pro tem., and presided.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Committee on uniforms submitted estimates from several manufacturers. It was resolved that the uniforms of the Association should consist of a red flannel shirt, black belt and a regulation Fireman's hat, and that Samuel Cohen be appointed a committee of one to procure samples of the uniforms as adopted and submit them for inspection.

Isaac Lazarus appeared before the Association as a representative of Washington Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1, and tendered the use of their meeting room to the Association for the space of six months.

The offer was accepted, and on motion, a vote of thanks was extended to the Hooks for their courtesy.

On motion, it was unanimously resolved that the Association join the Tri-County Association and that two delegates be elected thereto. Edward Jernegan and Carroll Whitaker were elected such delegates.

The resolution offered at the preceding meeting to repeal Article VII of the Constitution, was unanimously carried.

Bill of Mitchell Dawes amount fifty cents, was ordered paid.

A vote of thanks was extended to William Stanley for his gift of a record book and a book in which to transcribe the Constitution and By Laws and the roll call.

On motion, meeting adjourned subject to call of the Foreman.

1627. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Feb. 6. 1893. – OUR COMMON COUNCIL. – A Street Commissioner Elected – Repairs Ordered to the Fire Department Apparatus – A Special Election Ordered.

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Directors was held at their room in Firemen's Hall Feb. 4th.

All the Directors were present and President Wygant presided.

The minutes of meeting of organization and of the regular January meeting were read and approved.

A communication from Laflin Hose Co. No. 2, naming Edward Lynk for first assistant chief engineer of the fire department was read and on motion the nomination was confirmed by the Board.

A petition was signed by residents of McCarthy street, complaining of the constant overflowing of their gutters and sidewalks with water caused by a drain leading into the gutter, which freezing, makes the walks dangerous and almost impassable, was read by the clerk, and on motion the clerk was directed to notify Mr. Curley and Mrs. Matthews, to remedy the same without delay.

Chief Engineer R. D. Suderley accompanied by 2d asst. E. J. Lewis, stated to the Board the condition of the fire department. The chief recommended the repairing of Empire engine, Washington Hook & Ladder Company's truck and the carriage of Laflin Hose Co. He stated that Laflin Hose have their rooms nicely furnished, but a leaky roof, if not soon replaced with a new one, would soon ruin everything. The

attention of the Board was also called to the hallway of Laflin Hose Co. As to the purchase of new hose the chief particularly urged the Board to take some immediate action.

On motion Director Van Keuren was appointed a committee of one to make necessary repairs to Empire Engine.

The Chief engineer was instructed to make all necessary repairs to the fire apparatus.

On motion the question of raising \$1,500 to be used for the purpose of buying new fire hose be submitted to the people at a special election to be held at Firemens' Hall Friday, Feb. 24th was carried.

Chief Suderley stated that the jumper which belongs to Snyder Hose Co. could be purchased at a very reasonable figure and suggested that the Board purchase same for Laflin Hose Co.

On motion the president appointed Directors Cunyes and Van Keuren a committee to confer with Snyder Hose as to the purchase of same.

The president appointed Directors Huyck and Cornwell a committee to put the building of Laflin Hose Co. in good order.

Director Cunyes reported the gas lamps which were out of order now in good condition.

An oil lamp was ordered placed at corner of Dock and Ripley streets.

The usual number of bills were presented and disposed of.

A warrant for \$120 was ordered drawn to pay the premium for insurance of village property for three years.

The clerk reported that he had collected \$9.00 theatre license.

A letter was read from A. B. Rightmyer of Katsbaan in regard to drilling a well at the stone crusher to furnish water to the boiler.

On motion the president appointed Director Cunyes and Van Keuren a committee to enquire into the advisability of drilling a well and to confer with the Water Company in regard to the cost of laying a pipe from their main to the crusher.

On motion the Board proceeded to the election of a street commissioner. A ballot was taken which resulted as follows:

Patrick Corcoran 3

George Morgan 3

Director Cunyes than [*sic*] named William H. Van Nattan and Director Huyck named John Robinson.

An informal ballot was taken with the following results:

Van Nattan 3

Robinson 2

Corcoran 1

A formal ballot resulted:

Van Nattan 2

Robinson 3

Corcoran 1

There being no choice the president ordered another ballot with the result as follows.

Van Nattan 2

Robinson 3

Corcoran 1

There still being no choice, another ballot was taken which gave the following result:

Van Nattan 4

Robinson 1

Corcoran 1

The president declared Wm. H. Van Natten elected street commissioner.

On motion the Board adjourned.

1628. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Feb. 20, 1893. – Two Fires in One Day. Saugerties Firemen Called Out Twice on Sunday and Do Good Work

Shortly before noon on Sunday, an alarm of fire was sounded which was promptly responded to by the fire department. The fire started from an ash pan that had been placed in a shed adjoining the residence of Frank Lasher on Washington avenue. The family had all gone across the river to visit friends and during their absence the fire occurred. Minnehaha steamer took water from the public cistern at Brede's on Partition street, and by using every foot of serviceable hose in the department, it was found that the fire could be reached without a foot to spare. After Snyder Hose Co. laid the hose from both the service carts, Laflin hose coupled on to the end and by that means managed to get a stream on the building, which is completely gutted. Mr. Lasher's household goods were removed in a badly damaged condition from smoke and water on which there is no insurance. The building was owned by Capt. Henry L. Finger and there is no insurance on it.

Between ten and eleven o'clock at night another alarm was sounded. This time the flames were discovered in the building at the foot of McCarthy street known as the "Ocean House," formerly owned by the late John Phillips, but now the property of George W. Washburn. Laflin Hose was the first company to reach the scene and cutting a hole through the ice on the creek soon had a stream of water on the fire, having drawn and manned the old Empire hand engine, which did good service. This building is a total loss; insurance, if any, could not be ascertained. The building contained Philip's fleet of gondolas, several of which were gotten out in a damaged condition. By good work of the fire department the flames were prevented from spreading to the surrounding property.

After the fire at Lasher's, the cistern was filled with water from the creek, there being just hose enough left for that purpose by the use of two additional old lengths which had been partially repaired by a member of Snyder Hose Co. Our department need more hose and needs it badly, too.

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1629. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Feb. 20, 1893. – OUR COMMON COUNCIL. – Special Meeting of the City Fathers – A Street Commissioner Appointed – Other Business Transacted.

The Village Board of Directors held a special meeting in their room Saturday evening for the purpose of electing a Street Commissioner to the place of Wm. H. Van Natten who declined to serve after the Board had elected him.

All the Directors were present and president Wygant presided.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

On motion of Director Cunyes the Board proceeded to an informal ballot for street commissioner, which resulted as follows:

Patrick Corcoran	1
Wm. H. Hommel, Jr.	3
John K. Robinson	1
Wm. Smedberg	1

The first formal ballot resulted as follows:

Hommel	3
Corcoran	2
Smedberg	1

The next ballot resulted:

Corcoran	3
Hommel	3

The final ballot resulted:

Corcoran	4
Hommel	2

The president then declared Mr. Corcoran elected Street Commissioner.

Capt. O. T. Simmons who was present at the meeting, asked the Board for permission to use the directors room as a place of meeting for the Board of Education. Permission was granted with the understanding that the meeting should in no way interfere with the meetings of the Board of Directors. The Clerk spoke in relation to a bill of ex-street commissioner, James Donahue, which had been referred to the finance committee some time ago and never reported. As this matter could not be acted upon at this special meeting, it will be brought up at the next regular meeting.
On motion Board adjourned.

1630. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Feb. 22, 1893. – High Life Divorce.

The Washington D. C. *Star*, states that Hon. Russell MacCarthy of the Inter State Commerce Commission, has commenced an action for absolute divorce against his wife Emma W. MacCarthy. Hon. A. P. Lipscomb, of Washington, D. C., has been retained as counsel for Mr. MacCarthy, and Carroll Whitaker, of Saugerties, has been retained by Judge Wood, Mrs. MacCarthy's brother, to defend. This suit will cause a big ripple in social circles in Washington, New York city, New Mexico, and in Ulster, Dutchess and Orange counties, in this state, where the parties are highly connected. The petition of MacCarthy as filed stated that his wife preferred the fascinating "fast life" of New York city to her home in Washington. Mrs. MacCarthy's friends indignantly deny all the charges against her, and allege that there is a young widow in the case. Mrs. MacCarthy is a very handsome woman and has quite a reputation as an authoress in literary circles.

1631. If not called for in 5 days return to Chas. G. Coffin, President Tri-County Firemen's Association, Catskill, N. Y. [return address]

1632. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Feb. 22, 1893. - The Board of Education – Meets and Organizes by the Election of the Proper Officers, etc.

Friday evening, Feb. 17th, the Board of Education met at the office of Samuel W. Merclean and completed its organization.

There were present Wellington Porter, Ovid T. Simmons, Peter Canner, Theodore B. Cornwell, W. L. Darbee, Alfred P. Lasher, Carroll Whitaker, and Charles Clum.

Meeting was called to order at 9 o'clock and Carroll Whitaker was chosen temporary chairman and Charles Clum temporary secretary.

On motion Ovid T. Simmons was elected president of the Board for one year by acclamation.

Charles Clum and W. L. Darbee were nominated for clerk of the Board and a ballot, being taken Mr. Darbee received four votes and Mr. Clum three votes. Mr. Darbee was declared elected clerk of the Board.

Motion made that William E. Van Buskirk be elected treasurer for the year. Carried.

Motion made that Patrick Maxwell be elected collector for one year. Carried.

Motion made that the penal sum of the bond for collector and treasurer be \$10,000. Carried.

Motion made that the clerk notify the collector and treasurer of their appointment and to qualify within ten days. Carried.

Motion made that the president be appointed a committee of one to procure seal for Board of Education. Carried.

Motion made that clerk notify all former trustees of districts number ten, fifteen and twenty-one, also trustees and collectors that Board of Education is organized and to turn over all books and papers to clerk of Board of Union Free School district, number one within three days, and all money to Wellington Porter, who will receipt for the same. Carried.

Motion made that Charles Clum be appointed a committee to secure a minute book, also necessary stationery for use of Board of Education. Carried.

Motion made that the president appoint committees. Carried.

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The following were appointed:

By-Laws – Carroll Whitaker, chairman; Wellington Porter, Theodore B. Cornwell.

Grade and Classification of Schools and to Fix and Regulate Tuition of Non-Residents and Text Books – Wellington Porter, chairman; Charles Clum, Theodore B. Cornwell, John C. Davis and Carroll Whitaker.

School Buildings and Personal Property – Peter Canner, chairman; Charles Clum and Theodore B. Cornwell.

Teachers and Wages – Carroll Whitaker, chairman; Peter Canner and John C. Davis.

Grievances and Discipline of Schools – Alfred P. Lasher, chairman; Charles Clum, Carroll Whitaker, Peter Cannier and Wellington Porter.

Compulsory Education – Theodore B. Cornwell, chairman; W. L. Darbee and Alfred P. Lasher.

Motion made that Board of Education as a body assemble on Friday, Feb. 24th, at 9 a. m., at Wellington Porter's office, Main street, for the purpose of visiting all of the schools in the district. Carried.

Motion made that vote of thanks be tendered Samuel W. Merclean for use of his office. Carried.

Board adjourned at 11:05 p. m. W. L. Darbee, Clerk of Board.

1633. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. March 6, 1893. – Our Common Council – Regular Meeting for March and Important Business Transacted.

The Board of Village Directors held their regular monthly meeting Saturday evening, March 4th.

All Directors except Mr. Curley were present. President Wygant presided.

The minutes of the last regular and special meeting were read and approved.

The finance committee reported on the bill of James Russell and bills contracted by the Health Board and on motion they were paid.

Bills for work done at the foot of McCarthy street was ordered paid and the clerk instructed to keep an account of same so the amount could be collected from the parties who had caused the flooding of this street.

The committee asked for and was granted extension of time on the bill of John Lynch.

Directors Cornwell and Huyck reported that the necessary repairs were made to the house of Laflin Hose. Co.

Directors Cunyes and Van Keuren, the committee to purchase jumper of Snyder Hose Co., reported that the company had decided not to sell the same - committee discharged.

Director Van Keuren, the committee to have hand engine on South Side repaired, reported the engine in good order except the box and that would be repaired under the direction of the chief engineer. This committee was also discharged.

The question of furnishing water for the boiler at the stone crusher was taken up. Mr. Cunyes stated that a responsible party had agreed to dig a well near ths [sic] crusher supplying 2 1-2 gallons of water per minute for \$250.00 or would sink the well any depth for \$2.50 per foot. The matter was laid over until the next meeting.

The following bills were read and ordered paid:

P. Maxwell, lighting lamp	\$41.50
P. Maxwell, Inspector election	2.00
Norman Cunyes, Inspector election	2.00
A. A. Post, use of jack screws	2.00
B. M. Coon, Inspector election	2.00
Saugerties Water Co., labor	1.95
D. Bradley, repairs to South Side engine house	11.04
F. A. Keener, watching fire	2.00
M. F. Sexton, refreshments for firemen	10.00
Saugerties Gas Co., for lighting streets	
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"	"	January	47.83
"	"	February	47.84
Saugerties Coal & Lumber Co., coal			47.69
Wm. Doyle, teams			4.50
P. Corcoran, men and teams at foot of McCarthy street			20.25
P. Corcoran, men shoveling snow from walk and gutter of Mrs. Battel's property			4.50
The clerk was directed to forward this bill to Mrs. Battel.			
P. Corcoran – Men shoveling snow on Jane and Partition streets			7.12

The bill of the Saugerties Gas Co. amount \$27.25 for lighting Firemens' Hall from Sept. 1st 1892 to March 1st, 1893 was referred to the finance committee.

Saugerties Coal & Lumber Co. returned warrant for \$86.59 and asked for a certificate of indebtedness to cover amount of warrants and the bill just presented. The request was granted.

The bill from Michael Lynch for cutting ice from the sidewalk on McCarthy street was referred back to Mr. Lynch.

Mr. Cunyes moved that a certificate of indebtedness be issued to W. E. Person's for the amount of his warrant which was carried.

Mr. Cunyes moved that interest be added to the warrant issued to Messrs. Kenney & Brink at the rate of 4 per cent. Carried.

A certificate of indebtedness was also

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granted to Norman Cunyes for warrants held by him, amount \$24.07; and to Patrick Maxwell for the amount of his bill \$43.50.

The Clerk reported that he had collected \$6 theatre license and had deposited the same with the village treasurer.

Street Commissioner Corcoran spoke to the Board in regard to the condition of the walks and stated that citizens were very slow cleaning snow from them. He suggested that a notice be published giving a reasonable time for the shoveling of walks and if not cleaned in that time, he be authorized to clean same at the expense of the property owner.

After some discussion Mr. Van Keuren moved that a notice be published in the village papers notifying the people to remove the snow from their walks within 24 hours after a storm or the same would be done at the expense of the property owner. Carried.

The Board ratified the action of the president in publishing the advertisement of \$100 reward for the parties who set fire to the ocean house.

The president stated that he supposed that all knew the citizens had voted \$1,500 to be used for the purpose of purchasing new fire hose and the matter could now be acted upon.

Mr. Cunyes moved that a committee of three from the Board with the chief engineer be appointed by the president to make the purchase, which was carried.

The president appointed as such committee Messrs. Cunyes, Cornwell and Van Keuren.

On motion the president was also added to the committee.

The committee will meet in the Directors' room, Tuesday evening at 7:30 to look at samples and meet representatives of the different fire hose companies.

Mr. Cunyes moved that the tax budget be made up, and the clerk notify the assessors to levy the assessment.

The following is the tax levy:

General Fund, \$ 3,000

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Bond account,	1,000
Interest on same,	314
Health Board,	250
Placing stone on streets, (special,)	2,000
For new fire hose, (special,)	1,500

The clerk stated that the village seal was worn out and unfit for use. He was authorized to procure a new one.

On motion the Board adjourned.

1634. The bill of M. F. Sexton, amount \$10 for refreshments for firemen published in the Director's proceeding yesterday should have read "refreshments for Laflin Hose Co."

1635. Postage Stamp – 2 four cent US stamps, Abraham Lincoln. [dark purple]

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1636. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. March 8, 1893.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board of Directors to purchase new fire hose for the fire department met at Firemen's Hall Tuesday evening. Chairman Cunyes of the committee called the meeting to order and on motion of President Wygant, Irwin Ronk was called upon to act as secretary for the committee. On motion of Director Van Keuren the several representatives present, retired from the room then came before the committee one at a time and gave their estimates. On motion of president Wygant the committee decided to purchase rubber hose. Representatives were present from the Revere Rubber Co., of New York, S. F. Hayward, New York and the Eureka Fire Hose Co., New York, who presented samples from their various manufacturers. The New York Belting and Packing Co., and Stephen Balard Rubber Co., also had samples and prices presented to the committee. After careful examination the committee decided in favor of the New York Belting and Packing Co. President Wygant moved that 1,500 feet of hose be purchased which was carried. On motion the committee adjourned.

1637. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. April 14, 1893. – The Exempt Firemen – Hold a Meeting Thursday Night – Resolve to Uniform Themselves.

The Exempt Fireman's Association of Saugerties met in the Directors' room at Fireman's Hall, Thursday evening, April 13th. Second Assistant Foreman James Maines presided.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Report of Committee on uniforms was received, read and placed on file.

A motion as made and carried that the contract for furnishing uniforms for the Association be awarded to John Olsen, of 114 Christie street, New York city, at \$5.25 for each uniform to consist of a regulation fire hat with white shield and black letters. A red flannel shirt, cut double breasted, and a white patent leather belt with bound edge, hat holder and black letters.

On motion a committee of seven was appointed to wait upon each member of the Association and inform him that the money for his uniform must be paid on or before the 29th day of April, 1893, and report to another meeting of the Association to be held on Monday evening, May 1st. Samuel J. Adams, John H. Hardenberg, Edward Jernegan, Jeremiah P. Russell, John Lang, Carroll Whitaker and John McCormick were appointed such committee.

The following names were added to the roll call, together with the name of the company in which they served their time: Benjamin M. Freligh, Washington Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1, Frank A. Yerger, Rough & Ready Engine Co. No. 1, James H. Van Keuren, Washington Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1, John Dorian, Empire Engine Co. No. 2, Samuel Gilmore, Empire Engine Co. No. 2, Edgar Blackwell, Rough & Ready Engine Co. No. 1, George Seamon, Washington Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1,

On motion meeting adjourned to Monday evening, May 1st, at 8 o'clock.

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1638. Postage Stamp, US, 3 cent. [green]

1639. John T. Cummings,
Chairman

Edgar Snyder,
Treasurer

Henry E. McKenzie,
Secretary

CAMPAIGN

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

COUNTY OF ULSTER

Democratic Central Committee

Isaac N. Weiner

Everett Fowler

William F. Rafferty

Peter C. Black

E. F. Patten

Patrick Fox

Homer Russell

Walter S. Cox

Michael Dugan

John F. Cloonan

Sidney A. Gillette

Josiah Keator

Michael Dugan

Wilbert Utter

James E. O'Neil

Patrick J. Manning

Everett Fowler

Thomas Rourke

Martin Kelly

William F. Rafferty

Patrick Flannery

Thos. J. Kelly

John Arnold

John T. Cummings

W. Scott Gillespie

A. Winthrop Williams

Patrick Mack

E. F. Patten

W. C. Tamney

Alonzo G. Davis

Amos DuBois

S. K. Hasbrouck

Patrick Fox

Homer Russell

George W. Lament

Abram M. Roos

Peter C. Black

J. W. Rode

Edgar Snyder

EX-OFFICIO

John T. Cummings

Edgar Snyder

John W. Searing

In Charge of Campaign Meetings and Speakers,

John W. Searing

Kingston, N. Y. Oct 25, 1892. [letterhead]

1640. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. April 3, 1893. – OUR COMMON COUNCIL. – Business Transacted at the Regular Meeting, April 1st.

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Directors was held in their room Saturday evening, April 1st. All the directors were present and president Wygant presided.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The report of the committee appointed to purchase fire hose was also read.

The street lighter reported a number of gas lights which had been frozen up during the winter. On motion the amount due the village on this account be deducted from the bill of the Gas Light Co. Carried.

The committee on water supply for stone crusher reported that a well could be dug for \$2.50 per foot or be let by contract for \$250, guaranteeing 2 1-2 gallons of water per minute and recommended that it be dug by contract. On motion the committee was empowered to have a well dug by contract for \$250.

Committee on repairs to south side engine house, reported carpenter work completed and the painting would be finished during the week.

A number of bills were presented and disposed of.

The Saugerties Gas Light Co. were granted a certificate of indebtedness to cover warrants amounting to \$366.60.

A communication from the Saugerties Water Co. was read, offering the village forty hydrants at \$40 per year, and as many more as wanted at \$35 per year. The clerk was directed to notify the company that the proposition could not be accepted as the price was too high.

Mr. Cunyes moved that the President of the Water Co. be notified to repair the damage to fire cisterns caused by putting down water pipes at once, or the work would be done at the expense of the company. Carried.

Mr. Cunyes stated that the village had set curb and gutter on Van Santford Roosa's property on John street and raised the curb and gutter in front of the same property on Main street, that the bill had not

been paid, and moved that the Clerk notify him or his agent to pay the same, or the village would commence proceedings at once.

Mr. Cunyes moved that Samuel Truesdale be notified to raise his curb and gutter in front of his property on Main street within 30 days.

The Clerk was directed to ascertain the amount due the village for the use of Firemen's Hall by the town and present a bill for same.

The Clerk was directed to notify the telegraph and telephone companies to remove all poles from the roadways of streets at once or the same would be done at their expense.

The Clerk read the following report of the Village Board of Health.

To the Board of Directors of the Village of Saugerties, N. Y.

The Health Board of the Village of Saugerties, N. Y., respectfully submit to you the following report. The Board was organized April 12th, 1892, R. S. Gibson being chosen President, John A. Lowther, Vice-President, B. F. Crump, Secretary, and E. Brink, M. D., Health Officer. Subsequently E. Bert Whitaker was appointed Registrar and Clerk.

When the alarm created by the appear [*sic*] of cholera reached us, Patrick Corcoran, was appointed Sanitary Inspector for one month, and acted as such.

We made this appointment as people in the Village were tolerating nuisances on their premises, rather than complain and have trouble, and we wanted, as a safeguard, to put the Village in as clean, healthy and safe condition as possible.

We requested you, Oct. 15th 1892, to provide a suitable place for the inhabitants to deposit their garbage. Nothing seems to have been done in this direction, and we earnestly request that this be attended to, at your earliest possible convenience.

We provided ourselves (at the commencement of our term) with all necessary legal blank forms, for a proper and legal conduct of the Health Board.

Blank complaints are furnished the Village people, upon which to make complaints of nuisances and to send to the Health Officer. Upon receipt of the same, it is his duty to visit the premises complained of, at once, and to examine and pass upon the character of the complaint.

If, in his opinion, a nuisance exists, the complaint is filed with the Clerk and the latter issues to, and serves, personally, upon the owner or occupant, a "Notice to Abate;" stating therein that such notice must be abated within a stated time or the same will be done, but the Board, at the expense of the owner or occupant.

If such "Notice to Abate" is disregarded, a second notice is served to "Abate Immediately."

If that has no effect, the work is then done by the Board at expense of the owner or occupant.

We discovered, in August, 1892, through the Registrar, that the sextons of the Village cemeteries had been in the habit of receiving bodies for burial without first demanding a burial permit from the undertaker in charge. It had been going on for years.

This we prohibited and made a by-law that the sextons must not receive a body without first having filed with them, a burial permit issued by a Board of Health and furnished to them by the undertaker.

On June 25th, 1892, the Registrar handed in a report and statement to the effect that there was due the Village Health Board the sum of about \$682.20; which amount had been improperly assessed on the taxpayers of the village, for expenses of the Town Board; which sum is still due the village from the Town.

The report was received and the Registrar was directed to present it to your Board. We understand that you referred said report and statement to the Town Board of Health.

Since then nothing has been heard of it.

During the year, there occurred in the village, 91 Births, 66 Deaths and 34 Marriages. Sixty-two burial permits, and four Transit permits were issued.

On Feb. 1st, 1892, the Board adopted a system of yellow colored flags; and whenever a contagious or an infectious disease is known or believed to exist, one of such flags was put up so as to warn the public.

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All of which is respectfully submitted. R. S. Gibson, President, J. A. Lowther, Vice-President, B. F. Crump, Secretary, E. Brink, M. D., Health Officer. - E. Bert Whitaker, Clerk and Registrar.

On motion the report was received and placed on file.

Mr. Cunyes moved that the new fire hose be accepted – carried.

On motion a certificate of indebtedness was issued to President Wygant to be used in payment for the hose.

On motion a certificate of indebtedness was issued to P. Maxwell for lighting street lamps during month of March.

On motion the amount of Village Collector's bond was placed at \$16,000.

On motion Mr. Van Keuren was appointed a committee of one to have charge of stone crusher during the month of April and he be empowered to make all arrangements.

On Motion of Mr. Cunyes the same manner of lighting and the same number of lamps be used in lightning [*sic*] the village streets as last year.

Mr. Cunyes moved that Mr. Maxwell be retained as lamp lighter at the same salary as last year. Carried.

Mr. Cunyes moved that the President be appointed a committee of one to make the necessary arrangements for washing and drying fire hose. Carried.

The election of a Village Board of Health was next taken up. A number of names were presented and after a number of ballots the following were elected: Benjamin F. Crump, Peter Canner and Alexander Lackey.

On motion the Board adjourned.

1641. Tel. Dec. 14, 1893. [hand written]

J. Rudolph Tappen Post, No. 215, G. A. R., has the following officers: Eugene Barritt, Commander; Abram Turck, Senior Vice-Commander; Jeremiah Teetsel, Junior Vice-Commander; E. L. Quick, Chaplain; Delaware Y. Smith, Surgeon; Abram A. Post, Officer of the Day; Wm. Burhans, Officer of the Guard; Warren Kemble, Quartermaster; E. L. Quick, Delegate to State Encampment; C. F. Carnwright, Alternate.

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1642. C. J. Brown, Secretary
Hudson, N. Y.

Tri-County Firemen's Association

Geo. L. Wachmyer, Treasurer
Rondout, N. Y.

Vice-Presidents
Geo. W. Newkirk, Kingston
Geo. L. Perry, Hudson
Irving Arnsfield, Catskill
E. J. Lewis, Saugerties
Wm. Garoldseck, Hudson
Ralph P. Barker, Catskill

Greene, Ulster and Dutchess Counties
Chas. G. Coffin, President
Catskill, N. Y.

Executive Committee
Geo. H. Scott, Coxsackie
Horace P. Dakin, Hudson
Henry A. Ohley, Saugerties
Wm. Winter, Jr., Rondout
Wm. C. Brady, Athens
Dan. W. Bugell, Hudson

1643. Town Clerk's Notice.

Town Clerk's Office
Town of Saugerties, N. Y.

To Ernest Hassinger,

Take Notice that at the Annual Town Election held in and for said town on the 7th day of March, 1893 you were elected to the office of Inspector of Town Meeting in Dist. No. 1.

You will please file your acceptance thereof within ten days, with me, and upon failure thereof your office will become vacant. S. Merclean, Town Clerk, dated March 8th 1893.

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1644. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. May 8, 1893. – Our Common Council – Much Important Business Transacted – Bills Ordered Paid, Etc.

The regular meeting of the village Board of Directors was held in their rooms Saturday evening, May 6th. All the Directors were present and President Wygant presided.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

A petition was presented by residents of the south side of the creek asking for enough stone to lay a crosswalk from the south side of the bridge to James Reynold's corner. The expense of drawing and laying the stone to be paid by the petitioners.

On motion, Director Cornwell was appointed a committee of one to enquire into the matter and report at the next meeting of the Board.

A petition for a crosswalk on Montgomery street at the junction of Washington avenue was presented and on motion a walk was ordered laid at that point.

Director Cunyes moved that the salary of Clerk Dederick be increased to \$100 per year, which was carried.

The clerk was directed to notify property owners on Church street to raise their sidewalks even with the curb, and to notify Mrs. Hanley to remove a stump from the walk in front of her property on Hill street. Irwin Ronk, representing the Hudson River Telephone Co. asked consent of the Board to place poles and wires throughout the village for the purpose of establishing a telephone exchange.

On motion permission was granted and Director Cunyes was appointed a committee of one to confer with the company as to the setting of poles.

Frank Pidgeon asked for a grade in front of his property on Main street from Washington avenue to the academy and Isaac Lazarus for his property on Partition street.

Fred T. Russell asked the Board to repair the street near his residence, and the matter was referred to the street commissioner.

The Finance committee reported on several bills which were ordered paid.

Directors Cunyes and Huyck were appointed a committee to operate the stone crusher – stone cannot be crushed until the well at the crusher is completed.

President Wygant was appointed a committee to have leak in Firemen's Hall repaired.

The following bills were ordered paid:

P. Maxwell, lighting lamps for month of April	\$ 41.50
E. Hassinger, janitor from Jan 1 st to May 1 st	24.00
E. A. Richardson, painting	31.60
Commissioner Corcoran, for men and teams	128.94
Herman Gleisner, work	17.25
J. G. Teller, work	1.50
Jas. G. Barber, work	2.25
Sheffield Mfg. Co., stationery	3.32
Gas Co., lighting streets month of March, less three lamps not lighted	47.83
Jas. Dederick, services as clerk and for stationery, from Jan 1 st to May 1 st	35.32
David Abeel, services	11.00
Wm. H. Van Natten, assessor	42.00
John H. Jones, assessor	42.00
Peter Snyder, assessor	42.00
Chas. Davis, cash advanced on account of Gordon case	65.35

Bill of Ransom Dederick, amount \$2.50 was referred to the Finance Committee.

The clerk reported \$6.00 license money collected and \$4.50 from Mrs. Battelle for shoveling snow from

side walk and had placed the same in the hands of the treasurer.

Street Commissioner Corcoran was directed to have the leaders emptying into the fire cisterns at the Congregational Church and at Lamb's store repaired.

Collector J. Smith Elmendorf presented his bond and the same was accepted by the Board. The amount of the bond is \$16,000 and the sureties were, J. Smith Elmendorf, John W. Shults and Peter J. Rightmyer. President Wygant stated that the certificate of indebtedness issued to him for payment of the new fire hose, has been assigned to Wm. F. Russell, who sent his check in payment for the hose, and presented the Clerk with the receipt for same. The cost of the new fire hose was \$1,260.52.

On motion the Board will inspect Valley and Underwood streets in a body Monday morning.

The Water Company having failed to repair the fire cisterns as directed, the work will now be done by the village, under the supervision of Directors Cunyes, Cornwell and Van Keuren at the expense of the company.

Director Van Keuren was appointed a committee to act with the street commissioner in repairing washouts on Livingston and Main streets.

The repairing of a wall on the road to the stone docks was referred to Directors Van Keuren and Curley.

On motion the Board adjourned.

1645. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. May 11, 1893. – Preliminaries Arranged. – Meeting of the General Committee to Arrange for the Tri-County Fireman's Convention, Etc.

The general committee chosen by the organization composing the fire organizations, met in the rooms of Snyder Hose Co. on Tuesday evening. The following officers were elected:

William Ziegler, of Snyder Hose, president; Isaac Lazarus, of Washington Hook and Ladder, Edward Lynk, of Laflin Hose and Edward Jernegan, of the Exempts, vice-presidents; John M. Tracey, of Washington Hook & Ladder, secretary.

The following committees were appointed:

EXECUTIVE – William V. Burhans and Albert Rowe, of Washington Hook & Ladder; Michael F. Sexton and William McCormick of Laflin Hose, Edward J. Lewis and William P. Freligh, of Snyder Hose, Ovid T. Simmons and Carroll Whitaker, of the Exempts.

MUSIC – William V. Burhans, Edward Lynk, John D. Fratsher, John H. Hardenberg.

PRINTING – James D. Barber, L. B. Stanton, Charles Whitaker, John Lang.

TRANSPORTATION - Ovid T. Simmons, Martin Cantine, Henry A. Ohley, Michael F. Sexton.

PRIZES – H. C. Dolson, William McCormick, Rudge D. Suderley, James Maines.

At a meeting held by the Executive Committee, Carroll Whitaker was chosen chairman and William V. Burhans secretary.

The next meeting of the general committee will be held on the second Tuesday in June.

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1646. The Telegraph, Saugerties, NY. June 8th, 1893. – Directors' Proceedings.

Board of Directors met in regular session June 3rd, 1893, at their rooms – all present except Mr. Curley. President Wygant presiding. Minutes of last meeting approved.

A petition from residents and taxpayers of Market St. was read, asking for a grade on said St., so that water running from Washington, Lafayette, John and Partition be carried off by sewer or otherwise. The matter was referred to committee of Cunyes, Huyck and President Wygant.

A petition was read from the Martin Cantine Co., asking that the sewer pipe crossing in front of factory be lowered to prevent damage from teams going through same while drawing heavy loads over it.

The Commissioner was directed to look after the lowering of same.

The matter of John Gordon, damage in cellar, previously considered caused by the putting in of a sewer grate, was after some discussion laid over until next meeting, Mr. Gordon demanding damages of \$40 and threatening suit.

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John Crowley complained to the Board that street water, originating on Post and Clermont Sts., overflowed the street and ran through his property damaging same, and asked the Board to have same remedied, and upon the matter being forcibly placed before the Board by Health Officer Dawes from a sanitary standpoint with feasible suggestions as to a remedy, a committee of Directors Van Keuren and Cornwall were appointed to remedy the matter by leveling up on Post and Clermont street and give the streets a natural drainage to Partition street.

Officer Dawes also called attention to dumping garbage at the end of Bridge St., and asked that the Street Commissioner have the refuse already there properly covered. He stated signs had been erected forbidding the continuance of same, and that any violation would be prosecuted.

Upon motion the Commissioner was directed to repair the road to the dock near the landing.

The committee on washouts at end of Livingston street and Washburn's were empowered to have the same repaired.

Committee on well at crusher reported same finished and now in use and apparently satisfactory.

Committee on repairing cisterns reported progress.

The committee on stone crusher reported progress, and upon motion Director Cunyes was empowered to employ a competent man to take charge of the entire plant.

Committee on putting up racks for drying hose reported same completed and satisfactory.

Upon motion a committee of Messrs. Huyck and Cornwall [*sic*] were appointed to look after putting up hose rack for Laflin Hose Co., and report at next meeting.

Director Van Keuren called attention to the needs of a double cross walk on Jane street, between J. H. Hardenbergh's and Carnright's feed store, and on motion the Commissioner was directed to repair and lay the same.

Mr. Cunyes called attention to the wishes of the property holders on the upper end of Partition street, east side, that the curb and gutter be placed on the outside of the trees, by the petitioners, and upon motion the privilege was allowed same, to be under the supervision of the Commissioner.

The Clerk was directed to notify Peter Russell to repair the curb, gutter and side-walk in front of his property, on 1st street near the Congregational Church.

The Commissioner was directed to repair a gutter on Montgomery where it enters Bridge street.

On motion Directors Cornwall and Huyck were directed to go on and make necessary repairs to Valley and Underwood streets.

Sherman Austin made complaint of lamps standing too far apart on the street on which he resides, and asked that that one of the lamps be moved back to its old place where it was formerly located, and on motion same was granted.

On motion the Merry Go Round was allowed a license of \$5 for a week.

R. A. Snyder Hose Co. asked for exemption papers for L. B. Stanton, Jacob Hardenberg and E. L. Seamon, and same were on motion granted. They also reported that Geo. E. Martin had been expelled for non-payment of dues and fees.

The bill of Daniel Lamb was referred to Finance Committee.

The following were ordered paid:

	ROAD FUND
P. Corcoran, commissioner	\$186.97
	GENERAL FUND
P. Corcoran	\$ 14.25
Wm. F. Freligh, carpenter	13.18
Freligh & Howard "	7.37
Chas. McNally, sundries	1.30
Phillips & Wright	4.50
Ed. Lynck, labor	.75
Wm. Lowther, labor	5.25

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Geo W. Kane, painting	1.75
R. D. Dederick, watching fire	2.50
Saugerties Gas Co., gas	47.84
J. E. McDonough, painting	1.00
Jas. Styles, storage	6.00
P. Maxwell, lighting lamps, &c.	42.50
E. Hassinger, janitor	6.00
On motion adjourned. J. Dederick, Clerk	

1647. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Sept. 18, 1893. – Doyle Wins the Badge – The Fireman's Contest for the Gold Badge Closed Saturday, Sept. 16th, at Noon.

The contest going on for the past six weeks in the Saugerties fire department for the gold badge offered by John Olsen to the fireman who received the largest number of coupons cut from the SAUGERTIES POST, closed Saturday last at noon.

It was a good natured contest all around and great efforts were made by the friends of the contestants in order that their favorites might win.

As the time for the contest to close approached it was apparent that the choice lay between William Doyle and Edward Lynk, Jr., for the coveted honor, and consequently hundreds of ballots which had been reserved for other candidates were not handed in to be counted.

The votes were canvassed in the court room; R. S. Gibson, E. Bert Whitaker, William Phillips and James Barber acted as canvassers and Egbert Cooper and Edward Jernegan kept the tally sheets.

Protest was entered against the canvassing of 933 scratched coupons for William Doyle, and finally it was decided to canvass the clean coupons and if it required the scratched ballots to decide the contest, it was unanimously agreed that the protest be left to the New York *Clipper* for decision – said decision to be final.

The canvass showed William Doyle had received 5,186 undisputed coupons, and Edward Lynk, Jr., 4,378.

Other ballots received at this office before noon on Saturday will be found added to the following list:

Ernest Hassinger	1233
John A. Snyder	488
A. L. Decker	460
J. F. Bruckner	398
John D. Fratsher	272
Samuel W. Merclean	127
William E. Simmons	91

1648. The Telegraph, Saugerties, NY. July 6, 1893. – Directors' Proceedings.

Board of Directors met in regular session July 1st at their rooms.

All Directors present. President Wygant in the chair.

Minutes of last meeting approved.

A petition was read from the property holders and resident on Elm st. asking for a grade so that the water could be taken out and also that said street be curbed and guttered by the property holders. The petition was, on motion, granted and a committee of Director Van Keuren and President Wygant was appointed with power to employ Mr. Corcoran to give required grade.

A petition was also read from a number of the residents in the lower part of the village asking that much needed repairs be made to the "Old Spout" on the banks of the Esopus creek, from which they received their supply of drinking water, and on motion Mr. Curley was appointed a committee to examine the needs asked for and report at the next regular meeting.

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The Finance Committee reported the bill of Daniel Lamb correct and same was ordered paid, amount \$34.86.

The committee on washouts at Myer's and Washburn's reported work progressing toward completion. Committee on well at crusher reported matter not yet completed, but progressing owing to unsatisfactory supply of water during the dry weather.

Committee on stone crusher reported that he had employed Mr. Corcoran to take general charge of same and that the crusher was in operation.

Committee on Market street reported that progress was being made in the matter of drainage, but unable to complete same until a trench could be dug which would have to wait until the grass in the field through which it would run had been cut. The matter of curb and gutter on west side of street was waiting until grade should be given.

Committee on putting hose racks in Laflin Hose Co.'s rooms reported progress.

Committee on repairing cisterns reported matter completed, except filling cistern at Phoenix Hotel, which would be done first of coming week.

Committee on grading Post and Clermont streets reported that the cost of the proposed grading would be too expensive to consider and recommended that the old ditch be opened by the Commissioner, with the consent of the respective property owners, so that an effective drainage might be established for the above streets, and upon motion the Commissioner was ordered to open same with the owners consent.

The Clerk was directed to notify Peter Russell to reset curb and gutter and lay flag on First street, in front of his property near the Congregational Church, within 30 days or the village would do same at his expense.

Mr. Cunyes stated that John W. Davis complained that the village had not placed a curb and gutter in front of his property on Ulster avenue as had been agreed upon at the time the avenue was built, and Director Van Keuren, who was a member of the appraisal commission at that time, having no recollection of such an agreement, a committee was appointed of Directors Cunyes, Cornwell and Van Keuren, to which the President was added, to investigate and report who should place the curb and gutter, Mr. Davis or the village.

On motion, the President was empowered to take counsel and proceed to the collection of the bill against Van Santvoord Roosa for curbing and guttering his property on John street.

The Clerk was directed to notify the trustees of the Reformed Church to repair the walk in front of the Chapel on John street within 30 days or village would do same at their expense.

Upon motion by Director Van Keuren \$250 was donated from the General Fund to assist in defraying the expenses of the coming Tri-County Firemen's Convention.

The Street Commissioner recommended that a gutter be raised on Partition street in front of Mrs. Franklin's; also on both sides of Main street from John to Partition streets: also the curb and gutter north side of Jane street; also curb and gutter on north side of Lafayette; also to lower Mr. Spatz's sidewalk on the corner to grade, and upon motion the property owners were to be directed to set curb and gutter, and the Street Commissioner to give the required grade.

The Clerk reported collection of licenses from Merry-Go-Round, \$5.00; Ossified Man, \$2.00; Hunting's Circus, \$10.00; Celebrated Case Co., \$3.00.

The following bills were referred to Finance Committee: Geo. W. Elting, printing, \$53.20; E. R. Winans, photographs, \$17.50.

The Clerk was directed to make out a bill against the Saugerties Water Co. for repairing cisterns and present same for payment covering all cost of repairs to cisterns amounting to \$67.50

The following bills were ordered paid:

	ROAD FUND
P. Corcoran, Commissioner	\$246.96
	BOARD OF HEALTH FUND

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Sheffield Manufacturing Co., printing	\$ 36.85
	GENERAL FUND
P. Corcoran	\$ 73.75
Swart & McLaughlin, repairing fire cisterns	85.94
Chas. Montross, pumping and filling cisterns	9.06
Chas. Capen, pumping and filling cisterns	9.00
R. D. Suderly, for members of Hose Co. for handling hose at cistern	12.50
L. D. Davis, hauling steamer to and from cisterns	10.00
Phillips & Ward, quarrying stone	38.50
Howard & Van Valkenburg, labor	17.21
P. Maxwell, lighting lamps	42.50
Fred Yonker, carting	11.15
B. M. Coon, services	3.00
Saugerties Coal & Lumber Co., coal and lumber	71.18
John Lang, work	8.99
Jas. Dederick, clerk	17.77
S. M. Gray, oil	109.45
E. Hassinger, janitor	6.00
Jas. Montross, labor	15.00
Chas. E. Abeel, police duty	26.00
Henry Krantz, police duty	26.00
Saugerties Gas Co., gas	47.83
Chas. Capen, engineer	20.00
Chas. Montross, engineer	20.00
Herman Gleisner, work	1.70
Finger & Lewis, coal and lumber	73.24
Daniel Lamb	34.86
On motion Board adjourned. J. Dederick, Clerk	

1649. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. July 5, 1893.

The Fourth of July in Saugerties was a perfect day, clear, cool and a bracing northwest breeze tended to make the temperature delightful. In the morning Snyder Hose Co. and Washington Hook & Ladder Co. proceeded to Tivoli and took part in the celebration at that place. The Hose Co. was headed by the Catskill Drum Corps and the Hooks by Goeller's 20th Regiment band. They received an ovation all along the line of march, and upon their return home had a short street parade. In the forenoon a fire-cracker set fire to the roof of the residence of Willoughby G. Boothman on Partition street which was extinguished with a pail of water. In the afternoon, the veterans of Post Tappen, G. A. R., headed by Whitaker's Drum Corps of Kingston, and a gun squad, proceeded to St. Mary's school where they presented the pupils with a handsome American flag. The presentation drew a large concourse of people to witness the interesting event. The scholars sang patriotic songs, and a little son of Patrick Sweeney delivered an address. Three boys, Edward Maxwell, Leonard O'Hara and Stephen Dickout rendered a patriotic tableaux entitled "the Red, White and Blue." Master Maxwell represented the red, O'Hara the white, and Dickout the blue. The colors were then presented by Eugene Barritt on behalf of the Post which was responded to by Father Murray, pastor of St. Mary's, Father Salter and Father Carr of New York. After the ceremony, the veterans were hospitably entertained at the pastoral residence. In the evening a picnic was given on St. Mary's Church grounds, which was well patronized. There were

several very creditable firework displays in the evening by private citizens on their own grounds and thus closed the day.

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1650. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Oct 5, 1893. – Saugerties' Two Greatest Days. – The County Fireman's Convention, Parade and Tournament for 1893 a Grand Success – Details of the Great Event. – The Parade a Magnificent Spectacle.

Thursday, Oct 3d, the long looked for Fireman's Tri-County Convention convened in Maxwell Opera House at 10:30 a. m.

After music by the Albany City Band convention was called to order by Charles G. Coffin, of Catskill, president of the Tri-County Convention.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Stowe, pastor of the Congregational Church.

Mr. W. H. Wygant, president of the village, welcomed the delegates in an eloquent speech was heartily encored, and was happily responded to by Mr. Coffin on behalf of the delegates.

Messrs. Van Person, of Catskill, Addis, of Kingston and Peek, of Hudson were appointed a committee on credentials. Adjourned to 1 p. m.

Convention re-convened and the committee on credential reported that twenty-one companies were represented by delegates.

Report was received and committee discharged.

On motion of Wm. H. Brinnier of Kingston, the privileges of the floor were extended to representatives of the press.

The roll was then called and Tri-County badges were distributed to the delegates, life members, ex-presidents of the State Association Orange S. Ingram of Troy, and Thomas A. Raymond of New York. Rev. Mr. Stowe of this village and James Williamson of the New York Exempts, were also favored with one of the badges.

Reading of the minutes of the last convention was omitted.

Amendments to the constitution and by-laws, providing that officers-elect should assume the duties of their officer at the close of the session at which they were elected; that the retiring President be made a life member, and that company dues be \$3 and member's dues \$1 per annum were adopted. Several other amendments were voted down.

The annual report of the secretary was read, received and ordered placed on file.

Committee on extension of territory reported and report was ordered placed on file.

The members of the convention were requested to occupy seats in the centre of the hall and have their photographs taken. George Phillips manipulated the camera and succeeded in getting a good negative. The treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$378.88. Report was received and ordered spread upon the minutes.

On motion \$100 was voted for the purpose of furnishing a room to be known as the "Tri-County Room" in the Firemans' Home at Hudson.

On motion, it was resolved not to extend the territory of the Tri-County by the admission of other counties.

Hudson was selected as the place for the holding of the convention and parade next year.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Daniel W. Bugle, of Hudson; vice-presidents, William H. Brinnier and Ernest Hassinger of Ulster, Henry P. Dayton and P. H. Crump of Columbia; Eugene Wolf and E. W. Mackey of Greene; secretary, George Wachmeyer of Rondout; delegate to State Convention, Thomas B. Belch of Saugerties.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the citizens of Saugerties and the retiring officers of the convention, after which an adjournment *sine die* was had.

In the evening, the companies, composing the fire department headed by the Albany City Band, marched to the West Shore depot to receive and escort the I. M. Mayard [*sic*] Hose Co. of Stamford, to

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their quarters at the Phoenix Hotel, when the procession proceeded to the ferry slip and escorted Cortlandt Hook & Ladder Co. of Peekskill, to their quarters at the Palmer House. Later on, the ancient and honorable degree of the Order of Goosenecks was conferred upon a number of Saugerties firemen by the High Gander, Thos. A. Raymond of New York, assisted by several Ganders from abroad.

LIST OF COMPANIES IN LINE

O. T. Simmons. Grand Marshal
Aids: Dr. M. H. Wygant, Dr. S. L. Dawes
In Carriages – Board of Village Directors, Judges
Aged and Infirm Saugerties Exempt Firemen
Invited Guests
Minnehaha Steamer No. 1, Saugerties
Chief and Assistant Chiefs
Ex-Chiefs

FIRST DIVISION

Marshal, Ira Swart, Aid, E. L. Quick
New York Brass Band
Exempt Firemen's Assn., N. Y. city, 60 men
I. R. Durkee Hose Co., Fort Edward, 25 men
Drum Corps, 7 pieces
Young America, Jr. Hose Co., Po'keepsie, 34 men
Philmont Band, 16 pieces
J. L. De Peyster Steamer Co., Tivoli, 40 men
Herald Band, Coeymans, 18 pieces
Rough & Ready Engine Co., Coeymans, 40 men
Highland Band, 16 pieces
Walter W. Schell Hose Co. Rhinebeck, 32 men

SECOND DIVISION

Marshal, Dr. Warren Kemble, Aid. J. C. Davis
West Point U. S. Military Band, 15 pieces
Cortlandt H. & L., Peekskill, 30 men
Lafayette Hose, Valatie, 48 men
15th Separate Company Drum Company 15 pieces
Niagara Steamer, Poughkeepsie, with steamer, 30 men
Troy Cadet Band, 16 pieces
Citizens Hose, No. 2, Bath-on-Hudson, 40 men
Band, 15 pieces
I. M. Maynard Hose, Stamford, 25 men
Post Willard Drum Corps, 10 pieces
Jason C. Osgood Steamer, Troy, 35 men

THIRD DIVISION

Marshal ---, Aid, John Maginnis
MacGinnis' High Falls Band, 16 pieces
Exempt Association, Kingston, 40 men
Goeller's Military Band, 22 pieces
Clinton Hose, No. 7, Kingston, 40 men
Peabody's Band, 21 pieces
Wiltwyck Hose, Kingston, 42 men
Whiteport Band, 18 pieces
Weiner Hose, Kingston, 53 men
Hyde Park Hook & Ladder Co.

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Band of Music

FOURTH DIVISION

Marshal, W. S. C. Wiley, Aid ---
Castleton Cadet Band, 20 pieces
Makawomnc [*sic*] Engine, No. 3, Athens, 40 men
Band
Rescue H. & L., Athens, 26 men
Athens Drum Corps, 8 pieces
Morton Steamer, Athens, 26 men
Kingston City Fife, Drum and Bugle Corps, 18 pieces
A. M. Osborne Hose, No. 2, Catskill, 30 men
47th Regt. Drum Corps, Brooklyn, 25 pieces
Citizens Hose, No. 5, Catskill, 30 men

FIFTH DIVISION

Marshal, William Granger, Aid C. E. Holt
Hudson Band, 20 pieces
Washington Hose, No. 3, Hudson, 30 men
Craver Fife and Drum Corps, 10 pieces
I. W. Hoysradt Hose, No. 8, Hudson, 30 men
Band
Phoenix Hose, Hudson
Band
Protection Hose, West Troy, 26 men
Drum Corps
D. M. Hamilton Steamer, No. 2, Coxsackie, 35 men

SIXTH DIVISION

Marshal, A. H. Hoffman, Aid –
Drum Corps
Saugerties Exempt Association, 42 men
19th Separate Company Drum Corps, 17 pieces
Lafin Hose, Saugerties, 40 men
Gartland's 10th Regiment Band, 21 pieces
Washington H. & L., Saugerties, 40 men
Albany City Band, 20 pieces
Snyder Hose, Saugerties, 48 men

FOLLOWING WAS THE LINE OF MARCH

Form on Lafayette street, right resting on Market, Market to Ulster Avenue, to Elizabeth (Lutheran Church corner), to Livingston to Second, to Main to West Bridge, to East Bridge to Underwood, to Valley to Barclay, to Burt, countermarch on Barclay and Burt, to Church, to Hill, to McCarthy, to Partition, to Main, to First, to Livingston, to Market, to Main, to John to Lafayette, to Washington Avenue, to Russell, to Partition, to Firemen's Hall and dismiss.

Headquarters for the general committee was visited by the marshals and aides for orders and instructions, and everything being so admirable arranged by Grand Marshal Simmons that little, of any confusion or jar occurred in the formation of the parade, which started only about one-half hour later than the order named, viz: 12 o'clock noon.

The procession started under the most favorable auspices, the lowering clouds withholding the rain as if by order of some fireman's mascot, possibly Theodore Traver of Hudson, or his most intimate friend, the ever popular and genial C. S. Rogers, of that city.

As the procession moved over its appointed rote, unstinted applause was bestowed upon the marching men by the thousands of spectators lining the sidewalks and other places of sight seeing. There were

thirty-four handsomely uniformed companies, twenty brass bands and twelve drum corps in the big procession, and while it lasted Saugerties was in a blaze of glory.

It is but just to state that the companies composing the Saugerties fire department were second to none in personal, deportment, general behavior and appearance, and they came in for their full share of the applause so generously bestowed upon others.

"After the ball was over," or in other words, after the parade was dismissed, the tournament events took place. First was the Tri-County Prize Drill, the entries for which was the J. D. Durkee Hose Co. of Fort Edward, and the Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. of Athens, for a prize of \$100. The Rescues was adjudged the winner by the narrow margin of three points. The judges were General Ira M. Hodges of Haverstraw, Thomas A. Raymond of New York, and Colonel J. M. Dickey of Newburgh.

In the special prize drill, those two companies for a prize of \$100 in gold, the Athens company again succeeded in capturing it.

Next came the hand engine contest the entries were the Rough & Ready Engine Co. of Coeymans, and the Macawomuc of Athens, prize \$100. Water was taken from the public cistern in front of the Whitaker building on Main street. The Rough & Ready was first at work and threw a horizontal stream 174 feet and 11 inches. The Athens machine threw 197 feet and was awarded the prize.

For the hose race, but one company entered, viz: Lafayette of Valatie. Prize \$75. Time 55 seconds. Cortlandt Hook & Ladder Co., of Peekskill, was awarded the prize for being the finest appearing company in line, and they richly deserved it, although the famous Citizens Hose Co. of Catskill, was a close competitor.

NOTES OF THE PARADE.

The judges made special mention of Laflin Hose Co.

The Saugerties Exempt Association was applauded all along the line of march.

James Barber the drum major of Goeller's Band attracted considerable attention.

Kingston has reason to feel proud of her fire organizations. Clinton, Weiner and Wyltwick [*sic*] Hose companies together with Rescue Hook & Ladder Company and the Exempt Association made a fine appearance.

Mrs. Theodore Van Steenberg of Saxton, in this town, had her pocket picked of \$10. Doubtless, other victims of the pickpocket art will come to light later on.

Nearly every newspaper between New York City and Albany had a representative in town during the parade.

It seems our neighboring village of Athens is becoming famous for "walking off" with firemanic contests. Many an old Saugerties fireman gazed with longing eyes on the old Rough & Ready hand engine.

1651. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. July 5, 1893. -The Fourth at Tivoli.

Tivoli celebrated the Fourth with old-time enthusiasm. Besides their own steam fire engine company, in the procession were Snyder Hose Co. and Washington Hook & Ladder Co. of this village and Macowomuc hand engine Co. of Athens. Each company was preceded [*sic*] by a band of music or a drum corps, and a long line of march was gone over, at the conclusion of which the visiting firemen were entertained at the engine house.

Snyder Hose Co. was awarded the prize for the finest appearing company. Washington H. & L. Co. for having the largest number of men in line, Rescue H. & L. Co. for being the best drilled, and Edward Lynk for being the finest appearing fireman in line.

1652. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Sept. 18, 1893.

A number of young men met in the Y. M. C. A. rooms Friday evening, Sept. 15th and organized a Bucket Brigade to be attached to the Saugerties Fire Department. The following officers were chosen: Harry Jewett, president; Percy Wygant, vice-president; John Sweet, secretary; Gaston Wilbur, treasurer; Charles Wilbur, foreman; Harry Edwards, first-assistant foreman; Harry Snyder, second-assistant

foreman. A name for the organization will be selected later on. The uniforms will consist of red flannel shirts, blue caps and blue pants with black belts. Meeting adjourned to Friday evening, Sept. 22d, at 8 o'clock.

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1653. The Telegraph, Oct. 5, 1893. The Firemen's Convention.

The fourth annual convention and tournament of the Tri-County Firemen's Association is a thing of the past. Since it was voted at the third convention in Catskill, a year ago, to hold the next convention in this village the present month the members of the Tri-County Association had been making plans and preparations that culminated on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week in one of the greatest firemanic demonstrations ever held in this part of the country.

Visitors began arriving on Tuesday morning, but the heavy part of the throng came Wednesday, when every incoming train and boat added hundreds to the crowd until before noon it was fairly estimated that no less the twelve thousand people, exclusive of the visiting fire companies, were in the village. No event has called together so vast an assembly or elicited such wide-spread interest and enthusiasm in this place since the days of the Saugerties' rowing club regattas, when thousands of people gathered on the banks of the Esopus to witness those exciting contests. As the visiting companies reached town and marched to their various headquarters they were greeted by cheers of welcome on every hand. As the streets, hotels and other public places became packed with people, the capacity of Saugerties landlords and proprietors to cope with emergency was put to a creditable test, and it was generally conceded that better provision for the necessities and comfort of so great a concourse could not reasonable be expected or desired under like circumstances.

While in all classes of our people great credit is due for liberal support and hearty co-operation, upon the firemen cannot be lavished too much praise for their untiring efforts in making the convention in every particular the perfect success that it was.

The convention opened in Maxwell Opera house Tuesday morning, the delegates being called from their various quarters about the village at 11 o'clock a. m. by the Albany City Band which led the ranks as the fell in line, finally reaching and entering the Opera house, where the convention was called to order by President Charles G. Coffin, of Catskill. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. F. Stowe, pastor of the Congregational Church of this place. The President of the village, Dr. M. H. Wygant, then welcomed the visitors in a neat speech, his remarks being well chosen and fitting. President Coffin followed with words of thanks for the welcome extended by Dr. Wygant, and congratulated the Association, upon the high esteem and praise its members had received from the people wherever they had met in the past.

On motion of Mr. Rogers, of Hudson, a committee on credentials was ordered appointed. The President appointed as such committee Messrs. Person, of Catskill, Addis, of Kingston and Peak, of Hudson.

On motion, the convention took a recess until 1 o'clock.

On re-assembling the committee on credentials reported 21 companies represented by 36 delegates.

On motion of T. J. Rifenburg, of Kingston, the report was accepted and the committee discharged with the thanks of the convention.

On motion of William D. Brinnier, of Kingston, the privileges of the floor were extended to the representatives of the press present.

The roll of delegates and honorary members was then called and badges distributed to those present. The question of the advisability of enlarging the boundaries of the Association, which was also agitated at the last session, was decided by a large majority of the voters declaring against any extension of territory.

The question of amending the constitution and by-laws was lost by a vote of 45 to 31.

According to the Treasurer's report the Association has a balance of \$373.98 on hand, an increase of \$46 over last year.

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Daniel W. Bugel, of Hudson, was elected President of the association for the next year, and the following Vice-presidents were also unanimously elected. William D. Brinnier of Kingston, Ernest Hassinger of Saugerties, Eugene Wolf, of Athens, Edward Mackey, of Coxsackie, Horace P. Dakin and C. H. Bronk, of Hudson.

Thomas B. Belch, of Saugerties, was elected delegate to the State Convention.

Hudson was decided upon as the place at which to hold the convention a year hence.

After passing resolutions of thanks to the Saugerties people for their excellent welcome and entertainment of the delegates, and to the officers of the association for the creditable and thorough manner in which their duties had been performed, the convention adjourned.

Timely rains had put the streets in perfect condition for the great parade of Wednesday, there being no mud for the processionists to wade through or to besmear their magnificent carriages and soil their other splendid outfit, and likewise no dust to blind the eyes and persecute the patience of the lookers-on.

The procession, made up of six divisions was formed principally on Lafayette street and Washington avenue, and began moving at 1 o'clock, proceeding into Market street, thence following out the line of march as heretofore announced, passing through the principal street of the village in a blaze of splendor, this strains of music issuing from the brass bands and bugle and drum corps. Following at close intervals, swelling outward and upward in ceaseless waves of harmony,

The order of the divisions and their make-up was as follows:

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Aids: Dr. M. H. Wygant, Dr. S. L. Dawes

In Carriages – Board of Village Directors, Judges

Aged and Infirm Saugerties Exempt Firemen

Invited Guests

Minnehaha Steamer No. 1, Saugerties

Chief and Assistant Chiefs

Ex-Chiefs

FIRST DIVISION

Marshal, Ira Swart, Aid, E. L. Quick

New York Brass Band, 15 pieces

Exempt Firemen's Assn., N. Y. city, 60 men

I. R. Durkee Hose Co., Fort Edward, 25 men

Drum Corps, 7 pieces

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Snyder Hose, Saugerties, 48 men.

Buildings along the line of march, and throughout the village, were never so beautifully and profusely decorated, the fronts of many business blocks and residences being virtually hid from view behind banner and bunting, flags and mottoes of welcome.

At 4 o'clock the procession reached Firemen's Hall on Partition street where the line was broken and the divisions disbanded, after which the contests for prizes took place, resulting as follows:

Tri-County Drill – Prize \$75 – awarded to Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. of Athens. – No competitors.

Special Prize Drill – Prize \$100 – won by Rescue H. & L. Co. of Athens, they making 345 points to the J. R. Durkee Co. of Fort Edward, 342.

For the finest appearing company in line the prize of \$100 in gold was awarded to Cortlandt Hook & Ladder of Peekskill.

It is doubtful if a finer appearing body of firemen were ever seen together upon a like occasion in this state. That the members of each company taking part had done their utmost to appear at their very best was plainly evinced by their perfect precision in marching, in the excellent taste displayed in the selection of their uniforms, - many of which were here worn for the first time – and in their gentlemanly and polished behavior out of the line of march, as well as during the parade.

Notwithstanding the natural sense of modesty toward eulogizing home institutions, it would appear as unseemly as unexpressed opinion that among all the splendid appearing companies in town the Saugerties organizations were in but very few, if indeed in any respects, second in prominence. Each member, as he had reason, must have felt unbounded pride and gratification at the numberless encomiums that issued from the great throng of strangers touching the commendable manner in which the affair have been conducted by our firemen and our people generally,

1654. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Aug. 21, 1893.

The New York *Sun* says the best looking volunteer companies in the parade at Coney Island were those of Saugerties, Catskill and Peekskill. After the procession was over Gov. Flower said he thought the Hudson River towns had made by far the best showing. These men were all large fellows, well drilled, and they had serviceable apparatus. Among the 2 [numbers torn off] companies present, Snyder Hose Co. Saugerties was selected to escort to Governor of the State from the railroad station to his hotel, which duty was performed in so acceptable a manner, that the Governor personally complimented them upon their general appearance and duly appreciated the honor conferred. The company was headed by the 47th Regiment Band of Brooklyn.

1655. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Oct. 6, 1893. – Honor to Whom Honor is Due.

New York, Oct 6.

To the Editor of The Post:

Saugerties ought to and no doubt is proud of its fire department, but Col. H. D. Laflin and the foreman of the Laflin Hose Co. ought to be more than proud of their company as it was the only company from Saugerties the judges made special mention of and if it was possible for the home companies to take prizes, I think the Laflin Hose would take by big odds the prize for finest looking company in line. I understand that next year they will look for the best drilled prize and I doubt not but if they follow their captain's advice, they will get it by all odds. A New York Exempt Fireman.

1656. Saugerties Post, Saugerties, NY. July 10, 1897.

Mrs. Ernest Hassinger and Miss Gertrude Snyder have been visiting in New York city.

1657. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Oct. 11, 1893.

The following extract from the Stamford *Mirror* reads like the fulmination of a diseased or a disordered mind. The true and the false statements are easily discernible by those who know more about Saugerties than does the writer who penned the article: "Half way between Kingston and Catskill, on the

west bank of the lordly Hudson, is nestled the peaceful town of Saugerties, of 6,000 inhabitants, with its paper, card, box and needle factories, seven churches, one parochial and three public schools, three banks, one daily and two weekly newspapers. While the town makes some pretension as a manufacturing centre, the largest paper mill – the Sheffield – has not been a financial success from its inception. The first impression of the place is anything but a pleasant one, especially if a stranger is obliged to march at night through clouds of dust for nearly a mile, from the depot to the village, without sidewalks to guide erring feet. Or if a stranger lands at one of the docks at the river and proceeds to find a hotel, it will be necessary for him to be entirely sober, or he will tumble over broken bits of sidewalks and break his neck. It is said that one of the first duties of citizenship in Saugerties is to go out and make a thorough study of the sidewalks, so as to prevent loss of life and disbar accident insurance agents from setting up in business. No doubt the sidewalks were placed in position at the time of George Washington. Afterwards George and his army of soldiers drew his big cannon carriage over the pavements in order to give the place as historical and unique an appearance as possible. Should George happen on earth again, he would be compelled to burn the town and make the inhabitants build it over again. There are a good many very ancient-looking houses at Saugerties, with goats' heads sticking out the front doors and pigs' tails flapping in the air in the rear yards. Some parts of the town were settled shortly after the landing of Noah. Of course the people of the present generation are not to blame for the manner of the early settlement of Saugerties by their grandfathers. The old folks, like the Cherokee boomers, were in a hurry, and settled down in a lump without regard for outside appearances. They made the streets narrow, so as not to lose one another or become lonesome. However, Saugerties has many beautiful, handsome and costly homes on the outskirts of the town that have no equal anywhere along the Hudson. There are a few fine business blocks of brick in the village, but beyond this the majority of places remain the same as when built, at the time of the landing of Christopher Columbus. The people of Saugerties are the most kind and generous-hearted souls on earth. They have few equals in this respect, and they fairly outdid themselves in entertaining the visiting firemen."

1658. Newburg's Oldest Resident – By Telegraph to the Herald.

Newburg, N. Y., – Dec. 2, 1893. Mrs. Mary W. Lockwood, who is the oldest resident of Newburg, yesterday observed in a quiet way the ninety-ninth anniversary of her birthday. Her home is at the boarding house of Mrs. Phoebe Bolton, No. 271 Liberty street.

Mrs. Lockwood was born in Wales. She is the widow of Uriah Lockwood, who many years ago was a prominent Newburg business man. Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood went from here to Saugerties, where, twenty-three years ago, the former died at the age of eighty-seven. Since her husband's death, Mrs. Lockwood has resided in Newburg. Her only daughter, Mrs. Henry Sayres of Chicago, died five years ago. Mrs. Lockwood is in feeble health.

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1659. The Kingston Weekly Leader, Oct. 7. – ON DRESS PARADE. – Firemen's Tri-County Tournament at Saugerties – Splendid Array of High Grade Apparatus. Well Behaved and Handsomely Clothed Fire-Fighters – Saugerties Arrayed in Gala Attire and Crowded with Pleased Spectators. – Prize Contests and the Happy Winners.

Saugerties fairly outdid herself Wednesday. Seldom, if every before, have the residents of that pretty village witnessed such throngs of people massed upon it thoroughfares. The Tri-County Tournament and parade of October 4, 1893 will be recorded in the history of that village as a red letter event. As the day dawned and dark leaden clouds filled the skies, the people of Saugerties, and more especially the firemen grew discouraged. They had been encouraged by bright and beautiful weather since Sunday, and had hoped that it might continue until after the festivities which had been arranged were at an end. During the early hours of the morning a light rain fell. It was just enough to lay the dust and not

make the roads unfit for travel. While the sky was overcast the entire day, the sun, on occasionally striving hard to peep through and smile upon the thousands of assembled people, the rain held back and all of the events of the tournament were successfully carried out.

As stated in yesterday's LEADER, the work of decorating the places of business and dwelling was commenced on Tuesday. Many additions were made early on Wednesday, and it was difficult to find a building upon which there was not displayed some evidence of patriotism or of respect for the brave firemen. On Main and Partition streets there was a profuse display of flags and bunting, mingled with mottoes and emblems appropriate to the occasion. In some instances the entire fronts of buildings were covered with streamers of national colors. On every had there were indications of a warm welcome to the visiting firemen. Catskill, Hudson, Rhinebeck, Athens and this city were largely represented among the thousands who had come to witness the parade, which was one of the finest that has taken place along the Hudson in years. Many organizations, including Weiner, Wiltwyck and Clinton Hose Companies, left here by special train shortly after 9:30 o'clock. Crowds of people assembled at the Union Depot to witness their departure and many accompanied them to Saugerties. On arriving at that village they were met by the following committees of the Saugerties Fire Department:

Exempt Association – J. Lang, J. Reinhard, W. Yonker, Scott Van Buskirk.

Clinton Hose – Edward Myer, Irwin Ronk, E. McCormick, Clinton Van Buskirk.

Rescue Hook and Ladder Company – C. McCormick, J. Finger, J. McCormick, Jr., J. Teller.

Wiltwyck Hose - H. Wilson, C. Whitaker, Edward Dillon, L. B. Stanton.

Weiner Hose – W. McMullen, I. Lewis, J. Clark, B. Whitaker.

As speedily as the apparatus of each company was taken from the cars, line was formed and the Kingston companies escorted to their respective quarters. Dinner was then partaken of, after which the several organizations proceeded to points fixed for the formation of the several divisions. The hour named for the parade to start was 12 o'clock, but owing to the late arrival of some of the visiting companies, and in order to please as far as practicable, all the organizations which had expressed their intention to take part, the head of the column did not move until about 1 o'clock. The line of march was then somewhat curtailed, which was an acceptable feature for the firemen.

Captain Ovid T. Simmons was grand marshal, his aides being Dr. M. H. Wygant and Dr. S. L. Dawes. The first division consisted of a mounted platoon, the Board of Directors, Judges, and invited guests in carriage, Chief and Assistants of other cities and villages, and fire organization outside of the Tri-County Association. The second division was also made up of companies outside of the association. The Kingston companies comprised the third division, the fourth was made up of Athens and Catskill organizations, the fifth division was comprised of Hudson firemen, together with Protection Hose Company, of West Troy. The Saugerties department made up the left of the column, or sixth division. The firemen, irrespective of where they came from, were the recipients of continuous ovation all along the line of march.

The playing of bands, the shrill notes of fifes and the beating of drums greeted the ear. There was music in the air at all times and in all directions in Saugerties yesterday. As the procession made its way through Main and Partition streets every window of the large buildings upon those thoroughfares were filled with anxious sight-seers, the greater portion of whom were fair women, and they applauded vociferously. In the square leading from "The Corner Drug Store" to Partition street the column countermarched and passed in review of the judges stand which had been erected in front of the residence of Dr. M. H. Wygant, in order that they might decide which was the finest appearing company in line as to personnel, decorum, etc., to whom a prize of \$100 in gold was to be awarded. It took about half an hour to pass a given point.

The judges selected to decide as to the finest appearing company, as also as to efficiency in the prize drill contests were General Ira M. Hedges, of Haverstraw; Thomas A. Raymond, ex-President of the State Firemen's Association, of New York; Colonel William D. Dickey, of Newburgh, and Charles F. Olpp of New

York. They were unanimous in their opinion that Cortlandt Hook and Ladder Company, of Peekskill, was entitled to the prize, and the general committee handed over five \$20 gold pieces to the representative of the organization. The committee reported that Citizens Hose, of Catskill, was entitled to first honors. Cortlandt Hose Company has long been known as one of the finest volunteer fire organizations in the state. They had 52 men in line, and wore fawn colored suits and white cone hats. They marched four abreast, in excellent step-and with a fine precision of movement.

THE PRIZE DRILLS

After some little delay, the prize drills took place at the foot of Main street, near the Washburn terrace. The spot selected was a splendid green though a little uneven. The surrounding hills were lined with hundreds of people who had an excellent view from this vantage ground.

The first drill was a special one, open to all companies, the winner to receive \$100.

The entries were J. R. Durkee Hose, of Fort Edward, and Rescue Hook and Ladder Company, of Athens. Each was to be allowed fifteen minutes, but the judges were not exacting as to the time limit. Each company drilled 24 men. The Durkees were in charge of Capt. E. C. Beverly, and the Rescues of Captain W. C. Brady. Both organizations gave evidence of their fine training. Durkee Hose was the first to drill, commencing their marching and manoeuvres at 4 o'clock. Their wheelings and evolutions were splendid and were deserving of the frequent applause bestowed by the throng of on-lookers. They wore a seal brown suit and each member carried an imitation hose pipe. The Rescues began their drill as soon as their opponents had finished, and, in addition to the regular movements, introduced several fancy ones. They came in for a good share of applause.

For the Tri-County drill the Rescues were also entered, and it was expected that Citizens's Hose, of Catskill, would contest with them for the prize. This company failed to do so and it was decided that the Rescues should give a ten-minute exhibition drill. This was done in order that its members could be entitled to the prize. The judges awarded both prizes to the Rescues, and the Athens boys went home \$200 richer. In the drill for special prize, out of a possible 400, the Rescues made 345 and the Durkees 342. The judges congratulated Captain Beverly on the excellency and proficiency of the movements of his men.

HAND ENGINE CONTEST

Owing to the fact that the Tri-County hand engine contest did not fill, a special free-for-all contest was decided upon, with the same amount \$100, as a prize.

The Exempts of this city, Rough and Ready Engine Company of Coeymans, and Macawomuc Engine Company No. 3 of Athens, were entered. As it was growing dark and the time approaching for the Kingston firemen to start for home, the Exempts thought best not to compete. The contest was thus narrowed down to two companies. The judges selected were General Ira M. Hedges, of Haverstraw; H. B. McNulty, of Rochester, and H. M. Caswell, of Troy. Each company was allowed twenty minutes. There [*sic*] were to stretch and throw water through 150 feet of hose. Rough and Ready first made the connection. On the first trial they threw 174 feet 11 inches, but failed to reach that distance at two subsequent trials. Macawomuc Engine Company, of Athens, on its first trial reached 196 feet 5 inches, and was therefore awarded the prize of \$100.

THE HOSE RACE

There were two entries for the Tri-County hose race, the Valatie running team, consisting of members of LaFayette Hose, of that place, and a team from the A. M. Osborn Co., of Catskill. The latter concluded that there would be little need of testing speed with the Valaties, who have defeated every running team in the state except the famous LeRoys, of Cohoes. The Osborns then entered a protest, claiming that the LaFayettes had professional runners on their team, but it was not allowed. Chief Engineer Suderley then directed the LaFayettes to make the run and they would receive the prize of \$75. The Valatie team then went over the ground. The distance covered was 900 feet, 600 feet to hydrant, where connection was made, and then 300 additional. The time was 55 seconds, which is regarded as remarkably good. The judges were Alfred P. Lasher and Jacob Hardenburgh. They awarded the \$75 to the LaFayette team.

It was nearing 7 o'clock when the judges had concluded their work and the committee had paid the money over to the winners. But even then the festivities had not ended, for several hours music filled the air, and bonfires, fireworks and colored lights illuminated the streets. It was a fitting close to an excellent program that had been successfully carried out. Today Saugertonians will wake as if from a sleep and wonder if they have not just recovered from a dream.

Too much praise cannot be given to all of the members of the Saugerties Fire Department, and the citizens who united with them in arranging and carrying out all of the details for the reception and entertainment of the visiting companies. That village has reason to be proud of the organizations which constitute its fire department.

There were not three finer looking companies in line yesterday than H. D. Laflin and Snyder Hose, and Washington Hook and Ladder Company, to say nothing of the tried and true Exempts who have weathered many a storm and fought many a flame.

No better organizations, either in dress or general appearance, than the several companies from this city, which took part in the parade can be found in the state. Wiltwyck, Rescue, Weiner and Clinton Hose companies did themselves proud. The handsome new uniforms of the two latter organizations showed off to advantage.

On the return to this city of the fire companies which took part in this tournament an impromptu reception was given them by Excelsior Hose, the members of which turned out with drum corps and torches drawing their pretty carriage. The returning companies were received with due honors at the Junction and were escorted to their respective headquarters by the most direct line of march. A large crowd of spectators stood upon the sidewalks along the line of march and many bon fires blazed in front of business houses.

NOTES

George H. Scott, Treasurer of the State Firemen's Association, was one of the liveliest firemen in Saugerties on Wednesday.

Foreman Robert Mooney, who was in charge of the New York Exempts, is the Commission of Jurors in New York.

Among those present from Hudson, were Mayor George G. Miller, County Treasurer, Reuben Shultis, Supervisor Atkinson, Alderman Arthur Fox, and Captain David Hamilton. The occupied a carriage in line. Weiner Hose, of this city, had the largest number of invited guests of any organization at the tournament. It provided for 75 guests. They were fed and entertained at Loertzel's Hall of which C. Schoentag is proprietor.

There were 33 companies in line, with a total of over 1,000 uniformed men. When to this is added the bands, drum corps and invited guests the number is swelled to thrice that figure, which makes a good sized procession.

The fear some time since expressed that the people of Saugerties would not be able to feed all the visitors present to witness the tournament was not realized. There was more than enough for all the hungry and no extortionate prices were put upon it. The American human hog does not appear to have an abiding place in Saugerties.

The Chief Engineer and Assistants in line were Chief Johnston, and Assistants Jordan, Rafferty and Green, of this city, Chief Robert Elting and Assistants Peter Lahr and George H. Freahman, of Hudson, Chief Engineer W. G. Foster and Assistant J. Rikley, of Hyde Park; Chief Engineer Charles Dean, and Assistant Lemuel Mayhem, of Fort Edward; Chief James Haight, of Peeskill [*sic*] and Acting Chief C. H. Hall, of Tivoli.

1660. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. June 1, 1894.

The \$215,000 mortgage on the Sheffield property in this village was sold at foreclosure sale to-day at the Phoenix Hotel by Charles Davis, referee. But one bid was offered by C. F. Cantine at \$2,000 for the heirs of J. B. Sheffield at which figure the sale was closed. Now what?

1661. The Kingston Weekly Leader, Oct. 7. – Firemanic Affairs – Proceedings of the Tri-County Association – Amendments to the Constitution Acted Upon – The Territory of the Organization Not to Be Enlarged – Officers Elected for the Ensuing Year.

Thursday was a great day for Saugerties. Although in addition to the delegates only one uniformed company had arrived on that day, Saugerties was all agog, and evidence of preparation for the coming parade and tournament were visible on every hand. At an early hour in the morning, many buildings were decorated, and as the day advanced the main streets of Saugerties put on their very gayest attire, and flags, bunting and emblematic pictures were displayed on every hand, The scene looking up Main street was especially pretty, every building on the main business block of that street being decorated. The convention opened in the Maxwell Opera House at 11 o'clock, the delegates who were scattered throughout the village being called together by the stirring strains of the Albany City Band which marched through the streets behind a gradually increasing number of delegates until finally all were gathered in the ranks and the Opera House was entered. The convention was called to order by President Charles G. Coffin, of Catskill. Rev. Wilbur F. Stowe, pastor of the Saugerties Congregational Church, was introduced and offered up a fervent prayer for the success of the convention in its deliberations.

Dr. M. H. Wygant, President of the village of Saugerties, welcomed the visitors in a fitting speech in the course of which he said that the bright anticipation of the recent visit that had been upper-most in the minds of the people for the past year had now come to a joyous reality. There was no organization in any village or city more worthy of support and encouragement than the Volunteer Fire Department and in bidding the representatives of the Tri-County Association welcome the speaker said he hoped that their deliberations would be characterized by a spirit of friendship toward each other that would do away with all feeling of petty jealousy.

President Coffin in a graceful speech thanked Dr. Wygant for the welcome extended, and congratulated the Association on the fact that their conduct in the past had gained for them the good will of the people in every place in which they had ever met, and expressed the hope that the members would acknowledge by deeds as well as words their gratitude for the hospitality extended.

On motion of Mr. Rogers, of Hudson, a committee on credentials was ordered appointed. The President appointed as such committee Messrs. Person of Catskill, Addis of Kingston and Peak of Hudson.

On motion, the convention took a recess until 1 o'clock.

On re-assembling the committee on credentials reported 21 companies represented by 36 delegates.

On motion of T. J. Rifenbary, of Kingston, the report was accepted and the committee discharged with the thanks of the convention.

On motion of William D. Brinnier, of Kingston, the privileges of the floor were extended to the representatives of the press present.

The roll of delegates and honorary members was then called and badges distributed to those present. As the names of prominent delegates were called, they were greeted with applause by the assemblage. The minutes of the last meeting were adopted as printed.

The question of the advisability of enlarging the boundaries of the Association was also agitated at the last session, and a committee, consisting of James G. Tubby, of Rondout, Dr. Robert Seldon, of Cattskill [sic] H. A. Blount, of Chatham, E. J. Lewis of Saugerties, Eugene Wolf of Athens and William Granger, of Hudson was appointed, with instruction to communicate with the organizations along the Hudson and obtain their views as to the advisability of forming an association embracing a larger territory.

The committee reported having received letters from 22 companies outside the Association. Ten companies expressed themselves as being in favor of the plan, three against it, three reported no action taken, and six asked for further information. They had received letters from 17 companies now in the Association, 10 expressing themselves as in favor of extending the territory, and the balance against the proposition.

At the last session a difference of opinion in regard to the meaning of the by-law in reference to the amount of initiation fee and dues required having arisen,

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a committee, consisting of Harry Hall, of Catskill, C. E. Nibbett, of Hudson, and Everett Fowler, of this city was appointed to revise the by-laws. This committee presented its report, recommending several amendments.

Both of the above reports were received and held for action in their proper order.

The Secretary reported that on January 1, 1893, 32 companies were members of the association, and since that date four more had joined. A number of companies had not paid their dues for the present year, among them being Cornell Hose, Union Hose and Weiner Hose, of Kingston and Pioneer Engine Company and Scoresby Hose, of Ellenville. The latter was two years in arrears and under the rules was no longer a member of the association. The Treasurer reported a balance on hand amounting to \$378.98, which was an increase of \$46 over the amount reported last year.

Under the head of new business, President Coffin, after calling Vice President George W. Newkirk to the chair, moved that \$100 be given for the purpose of furnishing a room, to be known as "The Tri-County Room," in the Firemen's Home at Hudson.

The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

The report of the Committee on Extension of Territory was taken up.

Mr. Rogers, of Hudson, said he believed that the convention should act in accordance with the report of its committee, which report demonstrated that a majority of the companies were opposed to extension. He therefore moved to lay the matter on the table. This motion was withdrawn on some of the delegates expressing a desire to discuss that matter.

George Zeeh, of this city, moved that it be the sense of the convention that there be no extension of territory.

William B. Scott, of the Exempt Firemen's Association of this city, stated that he had been instructed by a unanimous vote of his company to vote in favor of taking in Dutchess and Orange counties.

Mr. Polk, representing Young American Hose of Poughkeepsie, was invited to speak, and he was unable to speak for any of the other fire companies of Poughkeepsie, as he had not been able to ascertain their views, but the members of America were unanimously in favor of entering the association. As to extending the territory so as to take in other counties than Dutchess, Mr. Polk did not deem it advisable to take in all of the counties along the Hudson as it would make the organization unwieldy. He spoke of the benefits derived from association, leading to a strengthening [*sic*] of the firemen and to an increase in efficiency and skill from the spirit of emulation which would spring up.

Mr. Rogers, of Hudson, in an eloquent speech opposed enlargement of the territory of the Association. He made a strong point by asking if Poughkeepsie was so anxious for association with other firemen why it was that not a single company from that city was a member of the State Association. If Poughkeepsie wanted a larger field in which to cultivate feelings of fraternity, it might rather enter in by the broad double door of the state organization than by the little side door of the Tri-County Association.

Enlargement meant a chance for men for whom there was no room in the State Convention to have an organization of their own to run, as was the case in western New York now.

Mr. Persons, of Catskill, argued that enlargement of territory was needed in order to get material to have a parade and fill the drills, and contests. He favored extending the territory to Orange and Dutchess counties.

The motion of Mr. Zeeh, declaring against any extension of territory was carried by a large majority, only about a dozen delegates voting in the negative. Most of the delegates from this city voted in support of Mr. Zeeh's resolution.

The communication of Young America Hose was ordered printed in the minutes, an amendment referring the matter to the Executive Committee to report being voted down.

The report of the special committee on amendments to the constitution and by-laws was taken up. Amendments to the constitution and by-laws, providing that officers-elect should assume the duties of their offices at the close of the session in which they were elected; that a retiring President be made a life member, and that company dues be \$3 and member's dues \$1 per annum were adopted. An amendment providing that persons elected to the Association should hold their membership only so long as their companies remained attached to the Association was voted down.

A section of the constitution provides that the convention shall not meet in any one county oftener than once in three years without the consent of the Executive Committee. Mr. Van Anden, of this city, moved to amend the section by leaving out this provision.

Carrol Whitaker, of Saugerties, warmly opposed the amendment. William D. Brinnier, of this city, with equal warmth supported it.

Mr. Whittaker said this was not the first time he and Mr. Brinnier had failed to agree. The object was to get the convention in Kingston – that dumb bell city - large at both ends and small in the middle.

Mr. Brinnier said Mr. Whittaker never agreed with anybody. If Kingston was a dumb bell city the convention would find a place in the middle, where a warm reception would await it and where both ends of the city could come together to welcome it.

The amendment was lost by a vote of 45 to 31.

Mr. Rifenshagen brought up the question whether or not life members should pay dues. He had offered his dollar to the secretary and it was rejected on the ground that there was a dispute as to whether or not the members should pay dues.

The sentiment seemed to be that life members should pay dues, and President Coffin so ruled.

The designation of a place for holding the next session was next taken up. Mr. Zeeh moved that it be held in Kingston, but was ruled out of order.

On motion of a member from Hudson, the Secretary was authorized to cast one ballot for Hudson as the place in which to hold the next convention.

Under election of officers, Mr. Rogers, of Hudson, "on behalf of a solid delegation from the county of Columbia," nominated for President Daniel W. Bugel, who, he said, for 24 years past had been an active fireman in Hudson.

Mr. Rifenshagen, of Kingston, in a brief speech, in which he claimed that Columbia county was entitled to the presidency, seconded the nomination of Mr. Bugel, and, on motion of Mr. Brinnier, of Kingston, the Secretary was authorized to cast the vote of the convention for him.

Messrs. Rogers and Rifenshagen were appointed a committee to escort the President-elect to the platform. In introducing him, President Coffin expressed the hope that the new President would be as loyally supported as he had been during the two years of his administration.

Mr. Brinnier nominated George Wachmeyer, Jr., of Rondout for Treasurer, and on motion, the Secretary was directed to cast the ballot of the convention for him. President Coffin remarked as the vote was taken: "That's good. For a business administration Mr. Wachmeyer can't be beat."

Henry M. C. Vedder, of Catskill, was nominated for Secretary, and there being no other candidate, the Secretary cast the ballot of the convention for him.

On motion of Mr. Hall, of Catskill, each county delegation was requested to present the names of two Vice Presidents.

A recess of five minutes was taken in order to give the delegates an opportunity to make the selection of Vice Presidents.

The following Vice Presidents were elected by a unanimous vote when the convention reassembled: William D. Brinnier, of Kingston, Ernest Hassinger, of Saugerties, Eugene Wolf, of Athens, Edward Mackey, of Coxsackie, Horace P. Dakin and C. H. Bronk, of Hudson.

Thomas Hannon, of Hudson and Thomas B. Belch, of Saugerties were nominated for delegates to the State Convention.

President Coffin made a statement to effect that for the past two years a member from the place where the meeting was held had been elected as the delegate to the State Convention. Last spring when the regular delegate was unable to go and Mr. Belch sought an election by the Executive Committee, he was induced to withdraw on these facts being stated to him.

Messrs. Dakin, Persen and George Zeeh were appointed to act as tellers and a ballot was taken, which resulted in Mr. Hannan received 37 votes and Mr. Belch 60. On motion of Mr. Hannan, the election of Mr. Belch was made unanimous.

Resolutions of thanks to the people of Saugerties for the royal manner in which the convention had been entertained, and to the officers of the Association for the efficient manner in which they had performed their duties were passed, after which the convention adjourned.

1662. The Democrat, Established in 1845. Nelson G. Foshay, Editor and Proprietor. Official County, Town and Village Paper, Peekskill. Saturday October 7, 1893. "Siss! Boom!! Ah-h!!!" – Solid Old Cortlandt Hook & Ladder Company Capture First Prize at Saugerties.

Cortlandt Hook & Ladder Company members are a proud and happy lot since Wednesday last, and they have just reason to so feel, for on that day they were awarded the prize of \$100 in gold for the best appearing company in line at the annual parade held by the Tri-County Firemen's Association, at Saugerties, Ulster county.

The Tri-County Association is composed of fire companies in the counties of Ulster, Columbia and Greene, and it holds an annual convention at which delegates are present from the fire companies in the counties belonging to the Association. The first day's work is business connected with the welfare of the Association and only delegates participate in the deliberations of the Association.

The second day a mammoth parade occurs followed by hose races and other contests. To this parade and contests fire companies from all parts of the United States and Canada are invited and the parades of the Tri-County Association have become famous among the firemen of New York state especially.

An invitation to Cortlandt Hook & Ladder Company to participate in the parade was tendered by the Association some weeks ago, and after due deliberation accepted and Wednesday last was the eventful day. About 40 members went up by the Hudson river railroad on Tuesday evening, crossing the river by ferry at Tivoli, and were met at the ferry dock on the Saugerties side by the fire department of Saugerties with a band and escorted to Palmer's hotel where headquarters for the Truck boys had already been engaged by Foreman Silleck. As the march was made up the hill by the Truck boys with their handsome apparatus bonfires, fireworks and applause greeted them, and the wise Saugerite now declares that he then knew the Cortlandt boys would be the winner for the \$100 prize next day!

The evening in Saugerties was most pleasantly passed making acquaintances among the fire laddies of that enterprising little town and right here we must say that no town in New York state for its size contains a better organized fire department nor one composed of a finer lot of gentlemen than does Saugerties. Thanks for courtesies are especially due Dr. H. W. Wygant, president of the village a brother of Dr. Wygant of Peekskill, Col. H. D. Laflin, the members of Snyder Hose – and right royal fellows they were, every one a gentleman – L. Depew Davis, the members of Irving Club, who generously threw open their elegant club rooms, and many others whose names memory does not recall, but whose kindness and courtesies will long be remembered.

The parade began at 12:30 o'clock with 54 men in line for the Truck, additional members having arrived on Wednesday, and with the famous West Point band as the marching music for the Peekskill boys. There were thirty-four handsomely uniformed companies, twenty brass bands and twelve drum corps in the big procession, and while it lasted Saugerties was a blaze of glory.

The procession was made up of six divisions, the first division being preceded by the village directors, the judges, aged and infirm exempt firemen and Orange S. Ingram and other officers of the State Firemen's Association in carriages. Applause greeted the marching firemen all along the line, and shouts of admiration for all the organizations could be heard everywhere. Ten thousand spectators watched

the brave fire laddies march by. The Exempts of New York, with the old Gooseneck engine, who had the right of line, was especially applauded, and the old timers never had a prouder day in their lives. Cortlandt Hook and Ladder of Peekskill, with 54 men and the West Point band, were the cynosure of all eyes and they marched with the precision of regulars. Osgood steamer of Troy, that received the prize at Catskill last year marched as if one man, and Citizen Hose of Catskill, with a drum corps of 25 pieces never looked prettier, and the men on the ropes looked as if they were sure winners of the price for the best appearing company, but they were mistaken. W. W. Schell Hose of Rhinebeck, with their new \$3,000 carriage and handsome uniforms were picked out as prize winners by many of the onlookers, and Young America Hose, of Poughkeepsie, were the recipients [sic] of favorable comments on every street.

The third division was composed entirely of the companies from Kingston. The silver trimmings on the Weiner, Wiltwyck and Clinton carriages, and the pretty trucks of Rescue and Wiltwyck Hook and Ladder companies brought no end of favorable comments while the firemen marched like veteran soldiers. The fourth division was made up of companies of Athens and Catskill while the fifth division contained four handsome appearing companies of Hudson and a company from West Troy and Coxsackie. The sixth division was composed entirely of the Saugerties fire department, headed by the Exempt Association of that village, and the division was like the five that preceded it rapturously applauded. Snyder Hose, Laflin Hose, and Washington Hook and Ladder are three of the finest appearing companies in Ulster county, and the people of Saugerties know it and justly gave the credit.

The judges on the prize contests were Ira M. Hedges, of Haverstraw, Thomas A. Raymond, of New York and Colonel J. M. Dickey, of Newburgh. They unanimously awarded to Cortlandt Hook and Ladder Company, of Peekskill, the prize of \$100 in gold for the finest appearing company to *personnel*, decorum, etc. This decision was unanimously acquiesced in by almost everybody in Saugerties except the members and friends of Citizens Hose Company of Catskill, which company has been in the habit of taking all such prizes and were confident of again being the winners, but they had never before been compelled to compete with the Truck boys.

After the parade was dismissed, the tournament events took place. First was the Tri County prize drill, the entries for which was the J. D. Durkee Hose Co. of Fort Edward, and the Rescue Hook and Ladder Co. of Athens, for a prize of \$100. The Rescues was adjudged the winner by the narrow margin of three points.

In the special prize drill between these two companies for a prize of \$100 in gold, the Athens company again succeeded in capturing it.

Next came the hand engine contest. The entries were Rough and Ready Engine Co. of Coeymans, and Macawaomuc Engine Co., Athens, prize \$100. Water was taken from the public cistern in front of the Whitaker building on Main street. The Rough and Ready was first at work and threw a horizontal stream 174 feet and 11 inches. The Athens machine threw 197 feet and was awarded the prize.

For the hose race, but one company entered, viz: Lafayette of Valatie. Prize \$75. Time 55 seconds.

The Peekskill boys bid their Saugerties friends good-bye at about 6 o'clock and started for home. They would have been home at 10 o'clock had it not been for the wreck on the Railroad, spoken of elsewhere. As is was Peekskill depot was reached at 2 a. m. by a tired, but happy lot of fire men and they at once lost all feelings of weariness when they discovered that despite the lateness of the hour, the irrepressible Centennial boys and the gallant boys of No. Two were still at the depot awaiting their arrival with drum corps to escort them uptown. This was done as quickly as possible and on arrival at the Truck house Foreman Silleck made a brief speech, very brief, and called on Chief Engineer Haight, who had accompanied the Truck boys all day. The chief, who would get up in the middle of the night to play a joke or make a few remarks, told the boys all about it, and after cheers for everybody downy couches were sought.

The Truck having come down on the freight Thursday afternoon they boys marched to Centennial's house where it had been stored, in the evening and brought it up town, headed by Shine's drum corps.

Chief Engineer Haight had the right of the line, and there were bonfires, fireworks and the usual large crowd that comes out on the street when Cortlandt Hook and Ladder passes by.

A little bird suggests that there will be another crowd to witness a parade on the 26th inst. "See."

1663. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Dec. 18, 1893.

At the annual meeting of Thomas Wildey encampment, No. 139, I. O. O. F., held Friday evening, Dec. 15th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term. Thomas Tuttle, Chief Patriarch; William E. Comfort, Senior Warden; Elisha Paradise, High Priest; Edward D. Burhans, Junior Warden; Cornelius E. Quick, Scribe; Henry A. Ohley, Treasurer; Elisha Paradise, Representative to the Grand Encampment; Ernest Hassinger, Proxy; Cornelius E. Quick, Ezra Carnright, Ernest Hassinger, Trustees.

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1664. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Oct. 23, 1893. – Reply to the Remarks of the Catskill "Recorder."

The Catskill *Recorder* in its issue of Oct. 6th making reference to Tri-County Convention and Tournament, speaks as to decision of judges in reference to "finest appearing company" in line of parade and boldly sets forth: "The jury had been worked against the Citizen's however by the local committee, in revenge for a wrong done Snyder Hose, of Saugerties, at Catskill last year, but for which Catskill firemen could not in reason be held accountable. These judges admitted they made no markings but decided the matter off hand," &c, &c, &c.

It seems that the day has come when Catskill conscience had reached a conclusion to make a published admission that last year a wrong was done to Snyder Hose, and though Snyder Hose has ever felt that the wrong was done it, it did not assail by publication either the local committee or the judges acting at that time. We should allow the remarks of the *Recorder* to pass unnoticed except that imputation and direct charge is made as to our local committee and the judges who were selected and acted. The statements as published should be forcibly condemned, they are put to wrong use at time of utterance and made to do duty at future times of such like occasions. It is ungenerous, cowardly and base to publicly attack men serving in the capacity indicated without producing at some time the proof to substantiate the charge. Not one item of proof is offered to sustain the general assertion uttered. The charge is a direct malicious falsehood. No terms are too severe in which to repel and denounce it. Men highly conscientious, of upright character and who enjoy honorable distinction, not only in their home surroundings but also throughout the state, have fallen under the lash of the venomous pen of the *Recorder*. And why? The Catskill nursling forsooth has not been found to enjoy that standard of fineness it would have itself only possess. This nursling has been so puffed with vanity as to presume itself to be the only fitting one to enjoy the award of merit. It desires to be its own sole judge as to the extent of its fineness. It would insist on deciding that question for itself in opposition to the usual practice of decisions; in opposition to others having an equal right to judge and would say, "such is my opinion, and my opinion shall be my law."

When silver service sets are submitted to general inspection as being prizes awarded by an association which made no bestowal of prizes it requires no stretch of imagination to assume there would be no hesitancy in an attempt to besmirch decisions that are not in consonance with the deduction of their self conceit.

It is possible that the chamber of the nursling needs sweeping before complaining so harshly as to the chambers of its neighbor.

Now a few words in defense of those who acted as judges and the "local committee." The parties selected as judges had no affiliation with any section from which there was a company representation. Not more than three of the local committee had any personal acquaintance with the judges. From the day of their acceptance to serve, no word was passed between them and the local committee." The judges did not arrive in the village until the parade line was forming in the respective divisions.

Ernest Hassinger's Scrapbook

When the judges announced at committee headquarters their decision as to "finest appearing company," they stated that it was reached by each one casting a ballot as to his own opinion without consultation as to such opinion, and upon examination of the ballots so cast by each they found their decision to be unanimous. Could there be a fairer way in which to arrive at the opinion held by each? The company selected as entitled to the prize was not "Citizens' Hose" of Catskill. It did not get it and there was "no put-up job" either necessary or made by the "local committee" to reach the decision rendered. The decision was made upon all merits that could be entertained and "Citizens'" were not up to that point of merit entitling them to the award when in competition by a system of comparison. We regret that any occasion made it necessary to defend the action of the judges or of the "local committee," and in closing these remarks, demand an apology for and retraction of the statement as published in the *Recorder*.

SAUGERTIES FIRE DEPARTMENT,
Per Order of Genl. Com.

Wm. Ziegler, President,
Edward Jernegan, Vice-President,
Edward Lynk, Jr., " "
I. Lazarus, " "
J. M. Tracy, Secretary,
H. C. Dolson Wm. V. Burhans
H. A. Ohley O. T. Simmons
Chas. C. Whitaker Wm. V. McCormick
R. D. Suderley John Lang

General Committee

1665. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Oct. 25, 1893. - Catskill Heard From.

The Catskill *Daily Mail*, in publishing the "Reply to the remarks of the Catskill *Recorder*" as signed by the general committee of the Saugerties Firemen's Association and published in THE POST on Monday last, comments as follows:

"It has been evident for some time to men of sober judgment that the Catskill *Recorder*, which has taken upon itself the office of organ for the Catskill firemen, would eventually bring our firemen in disrepute among the firemen of the State, and it has been more than evident, after its venomous attacks on members of the fraternity in other places since the Tri-County meeting in Saugerties, that it has placed our department in disrepute with the Tri-County Association. This is the eventual fate of all who suffer from the friendship of "the organ," whether in politics or non-political organizations. It is quite likely the feeling of animosity toward Catskill firemen, engendered by the *Recorder's* friendly (?) offices in their behalf, will extend to the State Firemen's Association, and will dump them into a very deep 'hole.'"

1666. The Recorder, Catskill, Friday, October 6, 1893. - The Tri-County Firemen.

The 4th annual Convention of the Tri-County Firemen's Ass'n was held at Saugerties on Tuesday. Twenty-one fire organizations were represented by delegates. After prayer by the Rev. Mr. Stowe, Pastor of the Congregational Church, Dr. M. H. Wygant, President of the village, welcomed the visitors, President C. G. Coffin responding.

The committee to whom was referred the proposition for the extension of the boundaries of the Association to include the 10 Hudson River counties reported having received replies from 22 companies non-members of the Association. Ten expressed themselves being in favor of the plan, three against it. three reported no action taken, and six asked for further information. Replies from 17 companies now in the Association had been received, 10 expressing themselves as in favor of extending the territory, and the others as opposed. The Hudson contingent led by Chas. Rogers, ex-President of the State Association, made a dead set against the proposition, misrepresenting it as an act of hostility to the

State Association. A diligent propagation of this misrepresentation in advance of the Convention had won the Ulster delegates to the opposition, and the combined Ulster and Columbia vote defeated the proposed extension.

The Constitution and By-Laws were amended to provide that officers-elect shall assume the duties of their offices at the close of the session at which they are elected; that the retiring president be made a life-member, and that company dues be \$3 and members' dues \$1 per annum. An amendment providing that persons elected to the Association should hold their membership only so long as their companies remained attached to the Association was voted down.

The secretary reported that on Jan. 1, 1893, 32 companies were members of the Association, and since that date four more had joined. A number of companies had not paid their dues for the present year, among them being Cornell Hose, Union Hose and Weber Hose of Kingston and Pioneer Engine Co. and Scorsby Hose of Ellenville. The last named was two years in arrears, and under the rules was no longer a member of the Association. The treasurer reported a balance on hand amounting to \$378.46 which was an increase of \$46 over the amount reported last year.

Under the head of new business, President Coffin, after calling Vice-President George W. Newkirk to the chair, moved that \$100 be given for the purpose of furnishing a room, to be known as "The Tri-County Room," in the Firemen's Home at Hudson. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Hudson was named as the place of meeting next year.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, D. W. Bugel of Hudson; Vice-Presidents, Horace P. Dakin and Charles H. Bronk of Hudson for Columbia Co., Eugene Wolfe of Athens and Edward Mackey of Coxsackie for Greene Co., W. D. Brinnier and Ernest Hassinger of Saugerties for Ulster Co.; Secretary, Harry M. C. Vedder of Catskill; Treasurer, Geo. Wachmeyer of Kingston; Delegate, Thomas B. Belch of Saugerties.

THE GRAND PARADE

Took place on Wednesday and was participated in by the companies named in last week's paper – the finest companies in the Hudson Valley, and there are no finer in the land. And none made a better showing than the Citizen's and Osborn Hose Cos. of our own Department, the former parading 39 men and the latter 28. The village was profusely and beautifully decorated, and the streets through which the parade moved were thronged with people. The weather was cool - just right for marching – and the rain, which threatened all day, was considerably held back by the clerk of the weather.

The special drill, prize \$100, had two entries, the Rescue Hooks of Athens and Durkee Hose of Fort Edward. Out of a possible 400 the Rescues scored 345 and the Durkees 342 points.

For the Tri-County drill but one company appeared. That was Rescue Hooks of Athens, to whom was given 1st money, \$100.

In the hand-engine contest there were three entries: the Exempts of Kingston, Rough and Ready of Coeymans and Mackawomucs of Athens. The Kingstons concluded not to try. The Coeymans men got 174 ft. 11 in., out of their machine. The Macks threw 196 ft. 5 in. and took the \$100 prize.

In the hose-race the La Fayette of Valatie had no competitor, and made the trip in 55 sec.

The Prize of \$100 to the company making the finest appearance as to *personnel*, decorum, etc., was given the Courtland Hooks of Peekskill – "honorable mention" to Citizens' Hose of Catskill.

- The Rescues of Athens, as they always do, made a fine appearance and won much applause – and likewise much wealth.

- The lead banner of Maynard Hose of Stamford, was borne by two lads dressed as pages, one in blue silk, the other in crimson.

- Whenever "Clem" Deer, the drum major of the Catskill Drum Corps, fired his baton into the air, the man in the moon was seen to dodge.

- There was "music in the air," lots of it. And easily the best was that furnished by the 47th Reg. Fife, Bugle and Drum Corps - "it was immense."

- Foreman Baker very evidently was proud of Osborn Hose, and very evidently he had reason to be.

- It was one of the "crack" companies in the parade.
- But 300 excursion tickets were issued to the West Shore agent at this point, and when they had been sold – as they were early in the day – the public had to pay full fare.
 - Alderman Wiley of this village, who was one of the marshals, was the best horseman of them all, and his thoroughbred – Flying Shuttle, was the handsomest horse in the line.
 - "Actions speak louder than words"; why is it, if Hudson is so dead in love with the State Association, she so very seldom sends a company to represent her at State Convention meetings?
 - The Organized Appetite of Hudson went to the convention and demanded pretty much everything; the presidency, the State delegate, and the designation as the place for holding next year's Convention. It got the presidency, solely because the Saugerties candidate threw in the sponge in advance. It got the Convention because the rotation provided for by the Constitution gave it to it. And then the convention sat upon the Organized Appetite and choked it off. The State delegate was chosen from Saugerties.
 - At various times and places impartial juries have declared Citizens' Hose of Catskill "the finest" fire company in respect to "*personnel, decorum, etc.*" At the State tournament at Coney Island last August, some 200 companies parading, the Courtland Hooks of Peekskill among them, an unbiased jury gave Citizens' Hose the palm. At Saugerties on Wednesday Citizens' Hose was fully up to its State tournament form; indeed it paraded more men and Courtland Hooks paraded with ranks diminished by 28. The Catskill company never appeared better, in fact, and it was all but universally remarked by the spectators, and quite generally admitted by the parading firemen that it was entitled to the prize for appearance. The jury had been worked against the Citizens' however, by the local committee in revenge for a wrong done Snyder Hose of Saugerties at Catskill last year, but for which Catskill firemen could not in reason be held accountable. These judges – who admitted that they made no markings, but decided the matter off hand – gave the prize to the Peekskill company, whose inferiority, except as to numbers, was apparent to everybody. Mr. Weiner of Rondout, the patron of Weiner Hose, publicly stated after the parade, "My company is a fine one, and it came here to compete for the prize for finest appearance, but I say frankly, it wasn't 'in it.' The company that was entitled to the prize on its merits was Citizens' Hose of Catskill. But it couldn't get it – There was a put-up job against it."

1667. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Nov. 6, 1893.

There is no finer appearing hose company than Citizen's Hose in New York State or in any other state, and those who competed with it at Saugerties and also at the State Convention are only imitators of what has repeatedly been awarded first prize by the State F. A. When it comes to personnel, and alignment, no other company in the wide wide world is in it with them. The concensus [*sic*] of unbiased opinion is that the Cits. are still the finest. Long may they continue to win deserved honors. – *Catskill Examiner*.

1668. Tel, Dec. 14, 1893. [hand dated]

At the charter elections held on Tuesday the following persons were elected village officers without opposition: Directors – Ward No. 1, Ovid T. Simmons; No. 2, Martin Cantine; No. 3, Ebenezer L. Quick; Treasurer, William H. Eckert; Collector – David E. Abeel. Assessors – Ward No. 1, John H. Jones; Ward No. 2 – Peter Snyder; Ward No. 3 – Wm. H. Van Natten - Fire Wardens – Ward No. 1, Charles McCormick; No. 2 – Jacob Hardenbergh; No. 3 – Frank Yerger. But thirty-five votes were polled.

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1669. Official Souvenir Postal, World's Columbian Exposition. [illustration]

1670. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Oct. 30, 1893. The Catskill "Recorder" Imbroglio.

In referring again to matters relating to the recent Tri-County meeting in this village, the Catskill *Recorder* of Oct. 27th says:

"Three weeks after the event the local committee having in charge the tournament at Saugerties pulls itself together and with a brave show of indignation attempts a denial of the charge that it misused Citizens' Hose Co. of this village and "worked" the jury of award in behalf of Cortlandt Hooks of Peekskill. Its denial is mere bluff and bluster and falsehood. It says that 'not more than three of the local committee had any personal acquaintance with the judges,' and that 'the judges did not arrive in the village until the parade line was forming.' The truth is two of the judges spent the night before the parade in Saugerties, cheek by jowl with the local committee and the Peekskill firemen. It is reported and believed that an assurance that they would get the prize for appearance accompanied the invitation to the Peekskillians to take part in the parade – and it is known that the Peekskillians procured fireworks in advance of the parade with which to celebrate the 'victory' which had been assured them. For a year Saugerties firemen had been threatening to 'get even' with Catskill and Citizens' Hose in particular for the erroneous award made at the parade here in 1892, and Citizens' Hose went to Saugerties expecting just the treatment they received. They and their friends agree with Mr. Weiner, the patron of Weiner Hose Co. of Kingston, who after the parade expressed the opinion that a job had been put up against the Catskillians. And no amount of bluff and bluster will change this belief. There is nothing in the Saugerties or the Peekskill Fire Dep't that can fairly win a prize from the Citizen's – that was sufficiently proven at the State meet at Coney Island."

The Catskill *Daily Mail* of Oct. 28th comments as follows on the *Recorder* article:

"You have our sympathy, Frazer. Your advocacy of any cause is like a dose of poison to it and the Catskill firemen are your latest victims. We are sorry that your mild, genial disposition has been ruffled but we can't help it." Be a man, and apologize for your insults to the firemen of Saugerties and other neighboring towns and you will do Catskill firemen the first unselfish act of friendship you have ever performed for them."

"A careful canvass of Citizens Hose Company shows that a large majority of the members fully approve of the statement in these columns concerning the Saugerties tournament controversy, and deplore the vicious attacks on their brother firemen by the Catskill *Recorder*."

1671. Dec. 6, 1905 [hand dated] - In New War Paint.

Ernest Hassinger's Indian, is resplendent in a new dress of war paint, red and white. Fred Hansen was the artist.

1672. The Recorder, Catskill, NY. Friday, October 27, 1893 – Firemanic.

- Welsh sells the best men's \$1 calf shoe in the market.
- Osborn Hose Co. will give a ball on Thanksgiving Eve.
- Great sale of men's underwear and men's heavy overcoats at Joseph's.
- Beginning on Dec. 4, Rescue Hooks of Seneca Falls will hold a 10-days fair.
- President Cleveland once was a member of the Volunteer Fire Dep't of Buffalo.
- For lowest prices in all kinds of foot-wear, go to Smith's West Catskill shoe store.
- Sterling silver and silver-plated ware cheaper than ever at Fred A. Bach's, 279 Main st.
- In the 17 years from 1876 to 1892, inclusive, the fire losses in the United States were \$1,691,737,119.
- Sometime next Winter the Rescue Hooks of Athens will hold a fair. On the 2nd of next month they will give a phono-graph concert.
- It's a dirty bird, John, that befouls its own nest; he is a low-down cuss who will copy into his columns slanders uttered abroad against an organization in his own village.
- Jersey suits in plain, fancy and double-breasted styles to fit children aged 3 to 8 years, prices from \$2.25 to \$4.50, worth double the money, at J. L. Goldberg's, West end of the bridge.

- The Newburgh firemen are not certain, but that they prefer a tri-city firemen's association – to embrace Newburgh, Po'keepsie and Yonkers – to the proposed tri-county association embracing Orange, Dutchess and Rockland, as that would give their city the parade oftener.
- Three weeks after the event the local committee having in charge the tournament at Saugerties pulls itself together and with a brave show of indignation attempts a denial of the charge that it misused Citizens' Hose Co. of this village and "worked" the jury of award" in behalf of Cortlandt Hooks of Peekskill. Its denial is mere bluff and bluster and falsehood. It says that "not more than three of the local committee had any personal acquaintance with the judges," and that "the judges did not arrive in the village until the parade line was forming." The truth is two of the judges spent the night before the parade in Saugerties, cheek by jowl with the local committee and the Peekskill firemen. It is reported and believed that an assurance that they would get the prize for appearance accompanied the invitation to the Peekskillians to take part in the parade – and it is known that the Peekskillians procured fireworks in advance of the parade with which to celebrate the "victory" which had been assured them. For a year Saugerties firemen had been threatening to "get even" with Catskill and Citizens' Hose in particular for the erroneous award made at the parade here in 1892, and Citizens' Hose went to Saugerties expecting just the treatment they received. They and their friend agree with Mr. Weiner, the patron of Weiner Hose Co. of Kingston, who after the parade expressed the opinion that a job had been put up against the Catskillians. And no amount of bluff and bluster will change this belief. There is nothing in the Saugerties or the Peekskill Fire Dep't that can fairly win a prize from the Citizens' – that was sufficiently proven at the State meet at Coney Island.

1673. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY, Nov. 28, 1893. – The Public Meeting.

In accordance with notice given to THE DAILY POST, about 50 firemen and business men met in Fireman's Hall Monday evening.

On motion made and carried, W. E. Van Buskirk was elected chairman and R. B. Overbagh secretary.

R. D. Suderley then stated the object of the meeting was to consider ways and means to relieve the poor of our town during the coming winter. At a recent meeting of the firemen a Fair was talked of, with that object in view; understanding there was a large amount of Excise money on hand which should properly be used for that purpose, it was decided to discuss the matter more fully to-night, and to that end, the business men and all interested were invited to meet with them.

Chas. Davis then explained that the Excise moneys according to recent laws were turned over to the Supervisor for General Town expenses, such as building of bridges, paying of salaries, etc., a certain portion only as might be deemed sufficient being given the poor-master to expend among the poor. William Doyle said that he understood from Mr. Fratsher that \$2,500 has been voted the Overseer of the Poor this fall. On motion made and carried it was resolved to appoint a committee of four from each fire company, making 16 men in all, to look into the condition of our people and report at a future meeting.

Martin Cantine, as foreman of Washington Hook & Ladder Co., named Isaac Lazarus, R. D. Suderley, H. A. Hildebrandt, John Tracey.

L. B. Stanton, foreman R. A. Snyder Hose Co., named Saml. W. Merclean, Chas. Davis, Ernest Hassinger, Wm. Ziegler.

In the absence of Mr. Barritt, foreman of the Exempts, W. E. Van Buskirk, John Lang, Egbert Cooper and Wm. S. Manning were appointed.

Lafin Hose Co., having a meeting elsewhere were not represented and the secretary was directed to notify their foreman to appoint a committee at their next meeting, which it was understood would be held this (Tuesday) evening. All members of the committee to meet together Friday evening of this week for organization.

On motion, meeting adjourned, subject to call of chair. R. B. Overbagh, Sec.

1674. Postage stamp, 6 cent, Garfield. [dull pink or light purple]

1675. The Telegraph, Saugerties, NY. Oct. 12th, 1893. – Directors' Meeting.

Regular meeting of Board of Directors held Oct. 7th, 1893, at their rooms. All present except Mr. Curley. President Wygant presiding. Minutes of last meeting approved.

A petition was presented asked to have the lamp in front of the Baptist church moved inside the walk, and same was on motion granted, with Mr. Corcoran as a committee to shift same.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to notify Michael Sullivan to reset curb and gutter and lay flag in front of his property on north side of Clermont street under the supervision of Mr. Corcoran.

The Finance Committee reported bill of Ed. B. Codwise correct and same was ordered paid.

President Wygant taking the floor moved that a vote of thanks be tendered Chief of Police, David E. Abeel, for the efficient performance of his duties, and the very commendable manner in which the police force had been handled and to maintain the peace of the village during the time of the Firemen's Convention and further moved that out of appreciation for his efforts a donation of \$5.00 be made him by the Board which was unanimously carried.

On motion the bills for watching Burhans & Brainard fire, amount of \$8.00 were ordered presented to them by the Chief Engineer of the fire department for payment.

On motion, the Board agreed to purchase the jumper of R. A. Snyder Hose Co. at \$40.00 for the use of Laflin Hose Co.

On motion a certificate of indebtedness was ordered issued to Mr. Cunyes as treasurer of the Finance Committee to cover the amount of warrants Nos. 1861 \$204.54, 1862 \$60.00, 1863 \$160.00, 1864 \$47.05, 1865 \$42.50. 1866 \$140.00, 1867 \$15.14. Saugerties Gas Co., H. Gleisner, Jno. Lang, Wm. Porter's Sons, Jno. Maxwell, C. A. Bulkley, American Fire Engine Co., respectively, amounting to \$669.28.

On motion the Street Commissioner was directed to look after the place at the junction of Hill st. and Theo. Place, and repair same.

On motion the matter of Adams' license was laid over until next meeting.

The bill of Searing & Kraft, \$19.80, was referred.

A petition from the residents on Second St., asking for an extra lamp in the centre of said street, was read and Mr. Van Keuren was appointed a committee to see about the erection of a gas lamp as requested.

The Collector, J. S. Elmendorf, reported as follows:

Collected on General Fund	\$8,196.02
“ Road Fund	2,428.00
“ Dog Tax	<u>75.00</u>
	\$10,699.02

Returned by error in assessment: Emily A. Bagely, 92¢; Matilda B. Foster, \$1.15.

Returned not collected: Mrs. Wm. Colter, \$1.30; Frank Kuggleman, 46¢; Mrs. Walter Kiersted, 46¢; Mrs. R. Lewis, 46¢; Isaac Fosmeyer, estate, \$4.60; Mrs. Jas. Patterson, 92¢; Anna and Amelia Smith, 92¢; Denis Mc Grath, estate, 46¢.

On motion the report was received and Collector's bond discharged.

The Clerk reported licenses collected from theatre, \$20.00, Merry Go Round and Fakers, \$24.00, from Collector Elmendorf, after return of books, \$1.00.

The following names were reported and certificates of membership requested for same from Laflin Hose Co.: John Hennegan, William McCormick, Frank Dale, Benjamin Lutz, Patrick Gordon, Thomas Manion, William Burnett, William France, William J. Cox, John Kime, James A. McCarthy, George Hollinger.

The following members lost their certificates and would like to have them renewed:

Edw. Reynolds, Edw. P. McCormick, Geo. Phillips.

The following bills were ordered paid:

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GENERAL FUND

E. B. Codwise, (no amount)	
E. Hassinger, janitor	\$12.00
R. D. Suderley, for watchman at Catholic Church fire	4.00
Quick Bros., repairs	1.50
J. Lang, washing Hose,	1.50
Geo. Hollinger, washing Hose	1.50
D. E. Abeel, self and special police	47.00
Saugerties Gas Co., June, July, Aug. & Sept	204.59
Wm. Porters; Sons, fire dept. repairs	47.05
Herman Gleisner " "	60.00
Jacob Lang " "	160.00
Am. Fire Eng. Co. " "	15.14
C. A. Bulkley " "	140.00
Jno. Maxwell, lighting streets	42.50
ROAD FUND	
P. Corcoran, Street Commissioner	266.49
On motion adjourned.	

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1676. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Oct. 17, 1893. Grateful Thanks – The General Committee of the Saugerties Firemen's Association Meet and Pass Resolutions.

At a meeting of the General Committee of the Saugerties Fire Department, held in the rooms of Washington H. & L. Co. on Thursday evening Oct. 12, 1893, by unanimous vote it was ordered that our thanks be tendered as follows:

To the donors to the fund that was created for payment of the necessary and contingent expenses in relation to Tri-County Convention and Tournament. Without such a fund no element of success could be assured; a generous bestowal was responsive to the solicitation made.

Unto President Wygant and his associates of the Board of Village Directors for the kindness and material aid so generously manifested where, in large measure, was secured to the Tri-County firemanic convention and tournament of the 3d and 4th insts., a prosperous termination, that is second to none in its history.

Unto Street Commissioner Corcoran for the interest and efficiency he made evident in the removal of obstructions from our streets and in securing general cleanliness of the same, thus contributing greatly to the comfort and enjoyment of the parade line, as also to the large assembly viewing the march.

Unto Acting Chief of Police David E. Abeel and the force under his command, for maintaining good order upon our streets, thereby securing the least possible interference to the parade line.

To Mr. Geo. W. Washburn for the kindly tender of his grounds whereon to make the prize drill contests and give to all opportunity of viewing the same.

To the citizens who, by liberality of decoration so largely contributed to the effective appearance of our village, thus silently testifying an approval and general appreciation of the efforts of the Fire Department to make the Firemanic Tournament and Convention worthy the admiration of all.

Also in general to all our citizens who gave hearty welcome and generous applause to the visiting companies, whose sojourn was so pleasing and enjoyable, from the courteous action and demeanor expressed unto them, that when the successes of the day were ended their parting words were commendation for the hospitalities extended.

Per order
GENERAL COMMITTEE

Saugerties, Oct. 12th, 1893

At the same meeting of General Committee the following resolutions were offered and unanimously adopted, ordered to be entered as a part of the minutes, published, and a copy sent to each of the companies participating:

Be it Resolved, The congratulations of the Fire Association of Saugerties are hereby expressed unto each and all of the visiting Fire Co's. that participated in the 4th annual Tri Co. Tournament held in this village on the 4th last. The largeness of the gathering, the neatness and beauty of uniform, the diversity and elegance of the fire equipment collected is without parallel in the firemanic history of the Tri-Co. Association. Saugerties feels indebted to each and all of the organizations that took part while many, if not all companies, are deserving of mention, we feel that the City of Kingston Fire Department is especially so from the imposing appearance by its numerical representation. Per order of GENERAL COMMITTEE

1677. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Nov. 3, 1893.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Sheffield Manufacturing Co. was held at the office of the company in this village on Thursday. The full Board was present with the exception of Daniel Lamb. The plan of the committee of creditors for reorganization was approved by the trustees and it will be forwarded to the creditors for signature. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Robert A. Snyder, president; John G. Myers, vice-president; Howard Gillespy, secretary and treasurer; William S. Myer, assistant treasurer. Indications for the future success of the company are most cheerful and we have the assurance that when the reorganization is completed, the mills will be to work again on full time.

1678. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Nov. 3, 1893.

The General Committee of the Saugerties Fireman's Association visited Poughkeepsie Thursday evening and present Young America Hose Co., Jr. of that city with an elegant plush lead banner manufactured specially for them as a testimonial of high regard and esteem in which they are held by the members of the Saugerties Fire Department and our citizens in general. The committee arrived at Poughkeepsie via. West Shore R. R. and ferry from Highland, and were met by the company and a drum corps and escorted to the company's rooms where the presentation took place in the presence of a large assemblage. Capt. O. T. Simmons, of the committee, presented the banner in a very appropriate speech and was responded to in a very happy manner by Mr. Henry Kreiger, one of Poughkeepsie's foremost citizens and by Master Edward Mink, foreman of the company. After the ceremony, the committee was escorted to a restaurant where lunch was served, and then were taken in charge by local firemen and shown through the several engine houses, and other points of interest in the city. The committee arrived home with the midnight train. The company referred to is the boy company that paraded here on Tournament Day and was so much admired for their good behavior and gentlemanly deportment.

1679. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Nov. 6, 1893. – Our Common Council – The Usual Amount of Public Business Transacted.

The regular November meeting of the Village Board of Directors was held Saturday evening.

The only Directors present were Messrs. Van Keuren, Curley and Cunyes. President Wygant presided.

The first matter presented to the Board was the report of the committee in reference to curb and guttering property of John W. Davis on Ulster avenue. Mr. Van Keuren of the committee stated that he had been unable to find anywhere in the proceedings of the Board, or elsewhere, any agreement on the part of the village to set curb and gutter for Mr. Davis or any-one else at the expense of the village. That the commission appointed to award damages when the new road was built had allowed Mr. Davis a sum satisfactory to him and he presented to the Board the original report of the commission which is as follows:

"The commission appointed to assess the damages on the contemplated new road do find as follows:
To John W. Davis the sum of \$160.75

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To John W. Davis, mortgage	10.00
To Sherwood Myer, estate of Josiah Myer	275.00
To John M. Genthner	<u>800.00</u>
	\$1.245.75

R. A. Snyder
J. H. Van Keuren
J. W. Shults

Commissioners.”

Mr. Van Keuren concluded by saying that if the village had agreed to curb Mr. Davis' property they should do it. If not, he was opposed to curb and gutter private property at the expense of the village. Mr. Cunyes said in order to see what there was of the matter he would move that the Clerk notify Mr. Davis to curb and gutter his property on Ulster avenue from the property of A. Rose to the junction of Myer street within 30 days or the same would be done by the village at his expense. – Carried.

Mr. Cunyes moved that Van Sandford Roosa be notified in person to pay the costs of setting curb and gutter in front of his property on John street within 30 days of the village will commence an action against him. – Carried

Mr. Cunyes stated that the crusher was not running as the funds were entirely expended, and suggested that it be laid up for the winter. – Carried.

Mr. Cunyes stated that J. O. Beers had offered to place a quantity of stone at the crusher during the winter and the President appointed Mr. Cunyes a committee to ascertain whether Mr. Beers would furnish the stone at a lower cost than the village could furnish the same, and report at the next meeting.

Wm. Fosbrook applied for and was granted a Fireman's exemption certificate.

The following bills were ordered paid:

John A. Lowther, repairs to Laflin Hose carriage	\$5.50
John A. Lowther, labor	4.15
P. Corcoran, men, teams, etc.	39.39
P. Corcoran, giving lines, grades, etc. of streets	25.00
John Maxwell, moving lamp at Baptist Church	.75
Dan Curley, money paid for repairing the spout	10.10
John Maxwell, care of street lamps	42.50
Jerdegan [<i>sic</i>] & Ronk, printing	30.00
John Maxwell's Sons, stone	59.45
F. Conner & Co. material and labor	122.45

Mr. Cunyes moved that if the property owners on Main street do not reset curb and gutter within the time specified in their notice, that the Street Commissioner go ahead at their expense. Carried.

On motion, Board adjourned.

1680. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Dec. 4, 1893. – OUR COMMON COUNCIL – The Usual Amount of Public Business Transacted.

After the excitement caused by a false alarm of fire had subsided on Saturday evening, the Village Board of Directors of 1893 held their last regular meeting.

All the Directors were present except Mr. Cornwell. President Wygant presided.

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Director Cunyes, the special committee appointed to confer with J. O. Beers in reference to purchasing stone and delivering same to crusher stated that he had not seen Mr. Beers himself, but had left the matter to Commissioner Corcoran. He stated that Mr. Beers wants 50 cents per ton for stone delivered, which in his opinion is too much, as the village can quarry stone for 42 or 43 cents per ton. After discussing the matter it was suggested that Mr. Cunyes remain on the committee and report at the next meeting.

Mr. Van Keuren, of the committee on laying sewer pipe at the head of Livingston street stated that no pipe had been laid as it was thought the water would have a greater force on leaving the pipe and would wash away more earth than at present. He stated that the outlet of the gutters at present are the same as they have been for the past 30 or 40 years. He suggested that large stone be thrown at the outlet to stop the washing out.

Clerk Dederick reported that officer D. E. Abeel had served the necessary notices on Van Santford Roosa in person.

Charles A. Bulkeley was granted a certificate of membership in Washington H. & L. Co. No. 1.

Several certificates of membership were granted to members of Laflin Hose Co., and matters pertaining to the expulsion of members were acted upon.

The Clerk was ordered to procure a key of Fireman's Hall for L. D. Davis, to be used in case of fire by him.

The following bills were ordered paid:

E. Hassinger, two months salary	
as janitor	\$12.00
John Maxwell, care of street lamps	42.50
John Maxwell, painting sack [<i>sic</i>] of stone crusher	1.50
Wm. H. Eckert, salary as village treasurer	30.00
Jas. Dederick, three months salary as village clerk	50.00
Wm. Lasher, service as special police, Oct. 4 th	3.00
Louis Knaust, services as special police, Oct. 4 th	3.00
Geo. W. Elting, printing	69.75
Chas. Capen, engineer of steamer	20.00
Chas. Montross, engineer of steamer	20.00
H. A. Hildebrandt, hardware	27.23
John Maxwell's Son, stone	75.75
Frank Rowe, watching house of Nelson Burhans	17.25
Geo. Nelson, watching house of Nelson Burhans	17.25
Michael Matthews, watching at Burhans fire	2.00
Geo. Lewis, watching at Burhans fire	2.00
John Lang, labor	9.43
B. M. Coon, taking affidavits of special police	3.00
P. Corcoran, men, teams and salary	57.60
H. Gleisner, labor	3.35

The president appointed Norman Cunyes, Ernest Hassinger and B. M. Coon tellers at village elections to serve one year.

On motion the Board adjourned subject to the call of the president.

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1681. The Telegraph, Saugerties, NY, Dec. 14th 1893. – Sunday Morning's Fire.

The burning of the three frame buildings on Partition street, early Sunday morning, was the most destructive fire that has occurred in this village in a number of years. The alarm was sounded a few minutes past 3 o'clock. The members of the fire department responded promptly and, had it not been for the strong wind prevailing at the time, their faithful work would probably have prevented the burning of more than one of the buildings.

The fire originated in the rear part of the store of Mrs. Charlotte Frankel and spread rapidly to the two adjoining buildings, the one on the south owned by Mrs. Joseph Smith and the one on the upper or north side owned by her daughter Fanny Schwartz. The stock of goods in the store consisted of dry good, fancy goods, crockery, &c. The building was insured for \$1,800 by the Guardian Insurance Co., of London, through Butzel's agency, and the goods in the building, it is said, for \$3,000, through S. W. Merclean. The latter were valued at \$4,000.

The building of Mrs. Joseph Smith was occupied as a tailor shop and residence by Herman Peters. Mrs. Smith has a policy of \$1,500 in the Niagara Insurance Co. with Merclean's agency. Mr. Peters was insured for \$500 with Eckert & Snyder's agency on stock and furniture.

The building of Philip Mattes was occupied on the first floor by Mr. Mattes as a barber shop and by A. L. Decker as a saloon and restaurant. Mr. Mattes and Mrs. Decker also resided in the building. Mr. Mattes was insured for \$2,500 in Butzel's agency, but there was no insurance on the household goods, the shop fixtures or Mr. Decker's stock. The entire loss is estimated at about \$13,000 with insurance as stated. Three of the large plate glass show windows in the new building of Isaac Lazarus, on the opposite side of the street, were cracked by the heat, together with two smaller glass [sic] in the store doors. The paint on portions of the front of the building was also considerably damaged. There was no insurance on the windows, that were worth over \$300. It will probably cost no less than \$500 to repair the injury to the front of that handsome building.

The hotel and residence of Henry Tepe, separated from the burned buildings by a narrow driveway, was saved by the heroic efforts of the firemen and others who rendered assistance. Streams of water from private hydrants were thrown upon the fire by men standing on the roof of the jeopardized building. In the rear of the property burned were a number of small wooden buildings that narrowly escaped being consumed.

The water used by the firemen was taken from the large public cistern in front of Firemen's Hall, where steamer Minnehaha gave proof of being in good working condition and capable of doing excellent work. In due season the hand engine and hose companies from the south-side arrived on the scene and rendered effective assistance.

Some of the occupants of the burned buildings escaped bare footed and scantily clothed, in one instance the young children of the household being carried out in their night clothes. After the ruins had been thoroughly drenched with water, the steamer was taken to the creek above the dam, where she was kept at work until about 10 o'clock in the evening replenishing the cistern from which the water used on the fire had been taken.

It is understood that handsome brick buildings will soon be built on the site of those burned.

1682. Something to Show.

"Can you let me have some money this morning, John?" asked Mrs. Sprigs at the breakfast table.

"Why I gave you \$10 the other day and told you to fix things so that you would have something to show on a rainy day. What did you do with it? "

"I bought three pairs of silk stockings, so as --- ." But he was gone.

1683. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Dec. 22, 1893.

Shortly after seven o'clock this morning, an alarm of fire was given and the fire department quickly responded. The fire was discovered to be in the kitchen attached to the residence of Samuel W. Merclean on Main street. With the aid of a garden hose and a bucket brigade, the fire was got under control after damage to the amount of \$400 or \$500 had been done. Fortunately, the services of Minnehaha steamer was not required, for when she was ready to work, a tube blew out of her furnace and she became helpless. This is a nice state of affairs.

1684. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Dec. 4, 1893.

After the New York Exempt Fireman's Association took part in the Tri County Firemen's parade in this village in October last, they were photographed, together with their hand engine near the steamboat wharf. A copy handsomely framed has been presented to Snyder Hose Co. of this village, by Charles Mulford, one of the exempt members. It can be seen for a few days at Ziegler's restaurant.

1685. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Dec. 4, 1893.

Between seven and eight o'clock Saturday evening somebody started a false alarm of fire. It was stated the fire was on the south side of the creek and the uptown companies started for the scene of action. About half way they were met by Laflin Hose Co. coming up town in response to the alarm, when it became apparent the alarm was false. The companies returned to their respective quarters and the excitement subsided.

1686. The Telegraph, Saugerties, NY. Jan. 4th, 1894.

The following is a synopsis of the will of the late Mrs. Catherine Krows: Will is dated April 19th 1888, and is witnessed by Benj. M. Coon and Wm. Mould. Codicil is dated June 17th 1893. Witnessed by Benj. M. Coon and Eleanor M. Beare. Gives and bequeaths all her household furniture, useful and ornamental, beds, bedding, plates, plated ware, crockery, pictures, books, carpets, and wearing apparel, to her niece Bessie Miller. Directs her executors to sell all her real estate at private or public sale, and also directs that all her personal property (except such as is given to Bessie Miller,) be converted into money, and from the proceeds of the sale of the real estate and person property she gives and bequeaths to her daughter-in-law Nora Krows \$500, to her nieces Anna Bennett and Ella Overbaugh each \$50, to nieces Martha and Anna Field each \$100, to her niece Lucy De Witt \$300., to niece Lillian Fenwick \$25, to niece Ella May Freligh, \$50, to nieces and nephew Josephine Davis, Ellen D. English and Frank Miller \$100 each, to Carrie English \$25, to her brothers Luke Smith and John Smith each \$50, to her nephew Ambrose Smith \$50, to her great-grand nephew Frank Riggs \$50, to the Saugerties Y. M. C. A. \$100, to the Reformed Church of Saugerties \$100, and to the S. S. of said church \$100. To William Mould is ordered paid \$50 for the purpose of bringing the remains of the father of testatrix from Durham, N. Y., and reburying them in the lot of testatrix at Saugerties. \$100 is ordered invested by the executors, and the interest to be used each year in caring for the burial lot of deceased. All the rest, residue and remainder of the estate, is given to Bessie Miller. John H. DeWitt, M. D., and William S. Myer are named as executors.

1687. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Jan. 8, 1894. – OUR COMMON COUNCIL – The New Board Meets and Organizes – Business Transacted.

The first meeting of the new Board of Village Directors was held on Saturday evening at their room in Firemen's Hall.

All the members of the Board were present and the meeting was called to order by Clerk Dederick, who stated that the first business to be considered was the election of a president for the ensuing year.

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After appointing Messrs. Wygant and Cunyes tellers an informal ballot was taken which brought out Messrs. Wygant and Cunyes as candidates.

Mr. Wygant declined and on motion the election of Mr. Cunyes was made unanimous by acclamation.

Mr. Ovid T. Simmons was elected vice-president unanimously by acclamation,

James Dederick was elected clerk of the Board by acclamation.

The informal ballot for Street Commissioner resulted as follows:

P. Corcoran, 3

Geo. Morgan, 2

Augustus Norris, 1

The formal ballot resulted as follows:

P. Corcoran, 3

Geo. Morgan, 1

Blank, 1

Mr. Corcoran was declared elected.

The informal ballot for janitor resulted as follows:

Ernest Hassinger, 3

John Palmer, 3

The formal ballot:

Ernest Hassinger, 2

John Palmer, 4

Mr. Palmer was declared elected.

W. E. Persons was appointed keeper of the town clock at the same salary as last year.

Chas. Capen was appointed chief engineer of steamer and Chas. Montross, assistant, both to receive the same salary as last year.

The Clerk read the list of officers for the fire department as recommended [sic] by the several companies as follows: Edward Lynk, Jr., Chief, Edward J. Lewis, 1st Asst. Chief, Phillip C. Smith, 2d Asst. Chief, Ernest Hassinger, Treasurer. On motion the names as presented were confirmed by the Board.

The President appointed as the finance committee: Directors Wygant, Cantine, Quick and Simmons.

Director Simmons suggested that the Board meet bi-monthly instead of monthly as he thought it would be to the interest of the village and would make much shorter sessions for the Board.

After some discussion, Mr. Wygant moved that the Board meet on the first and third Saturday of each month, which was carried.

The minutes of the last meeting of the old Board were read and approved.

Mr. Simmons remonstrated in regard to the condition of the sidewalks in front of Mrs. Winslow's and Mrs. Battell's property on the south side of creek, and on motion the parties are to be notified by the Street Commissioner to repair the same within 30 days or same would be done by the Commissioner at the expense of the owners of the property.

President Cunyes reported that he had seen Mr. Beers in regard to quarrying out lime rock for the crusher and that Mr. Beers wants 50 cents per ton for stone delivered at the crusher; that he had a proposition from another person who would deliver stone at the crusher for 42 cents per ton.

On motion the report was accepted and the matter held over until later in the evening.

All bills that had been received were turned over to the finance committee and will be acted upon at the next meeting.

Chas. E. Abeel and Henry Krantz were elected night police at the same salary as last year.

John Maxwell was appointed lamp-lighter at the same salary as formerly.

Complaint was made to the Board that lamp posts have been out and globes broken by some one, and on motion of Mr. Simmons the Clerk was ordered to have published that a reward of \$25 be offered for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons injuring any village property, which was carried.

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Mr. Cantine stated that a good deal of ashes and garbage was being dumped about the streets of the village. On motion the ordinances in reference to same were ordered published and the Street Commissioner directed to notify parties to discontinue same.

The matter of getting out stone for the crusher was again brought up and discussed.

Mr. Quick suggested that the crusher be started and the unemployed men about the village be given work instead of letting the contract of quarrying stone to some outside party. This suggestion met the approval of all the Directors, and on motion of Mr. Wygant, a committee consisting of President Cunyes, Directors Cornwell and Cantine were appointed to start the crusher and employ such men as they see fit.

On motion, the Board adjourned until Saturday evening, Jan. 20th.

1688. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Jan. 23, 1894.

Shortly after midnight Monday night, an alarm of fire was sounded to which the fire department promptly responded. The fire was found to be in the pad and paper manufactory of the Fuller & Crump Co., situate on the dock adjoining the Saugerties Coal & Lumber Co's yards. The fire had gained such headway, that by the time the firemen arrived it was seen the building and contents were doomed, the whole interior being a mass of flames. Laflin Hose Co., was first on the scene, and soon had a stream of water on, using the Empire hand engine. Shortly afterwards the uptown companies arrived and two more powerful streams were soon pouring into the building. After a couple of hours hard labor the fire was under control, the building being completely gutted and the contents entirely destroyed. The building was owned by the Saugerties & New York Steamboat Co. and is insured in Eckert & Snyder's agency for \$4,000. The Fuller & Crump Co. had \$6,000 insurance in the same agency on their stock and machinery which is a total loss. The origin of the fire is unknown.

1689. There are 2,754 languages.

American was discovered in 1492.

A square mile contains 640 acres.

Envelopes were first used in 1839.

Telescopes were invented in 1590.

A barrel of rice weight 600 pounds.

A barrel of flour weighs 196 pounds.

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1690. Fourth Annual Convention and Tournament of the Tri-County Firemen's Association of Greene=Ulster=Columbia. Official Program, Saugerties, N. Y., Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 3 and 4, 1893
Compiled by Ernest Hassinger and P. H. Davis, Recorder Printing House, Catskill, NY. [cover of the program book] [there are 28 individual items (which have apparently been cut to fit into the scrapbook as they are not as large as the cover indicates they should be,) spread over 5 scrapbook pages, hand numbered 1 to 28]

1691. [Page 1 of 28] In the early part of the year 1890 it was rumored that there was in contemplation the formation of an association among the volunteer firemen and fire companies in the counties along the Hudson River.

That there was any foundation for this rumor has never been determined; but the plan created much discussion among those interested in such matters, and in no place was a more lively interest shown than among the firemen of Greene county where the Greene County Firemen's Association had been successfully organized in 1889.

The feeling was apparent that, in view of the existence of a prosperous State Association and the large territory to be covered by the proposed new organization, a combination of the fire companies of two or

three adjoining counties would have many more elements of strength for the advancement of the interests of volunteer firemen in those counties.

On Apr 23, 1890, there appeared in the "Firemanic" column of the Catskill *Examiner* an item from the pen of Mr. George L. Gaynor of Citizens' Hose Co., to whom belongs the credit of first proposing the idea which led to the formation of the Tri-County Association. This item was as follows:

"Wouldn't it be a wide thing for the Greene Co. Firemen's Ass'n to try and induce Ulster and Columbia counties to join them under the name of the Firemen's Association of

1692. [Page 2 of 28] Greene, Columbia and Ulster Counties? If this could be done it would make only a short distance for the companies to travel and there would be between 20 and 30 companies in the Association, and instead of inviting outside firemen to compete for prizes in hose racing, drilling, hand-engine and hook-and-ladder contests, the Association would have enough companies of their own to compete for these prizes. As it is now, crack running teams and drilled companies can enter, and in consequence the organizations in the Association have but little chance of winning. – Hudson, Chatham and Kingston are real fire towns and would add great strength to such a project. The annual conventions would be big affairs and without the least doubt very successful."

This was widely copied and commented upon, finally leading to the submission of the project for consideration of the executive Committee of the Greene Co. Firemen's Ass'n at its meeting held on May 7, 1890, when a proposed consolidation with Columbia and Ulster counties was discussed and the Secretary instructed to correspond with the companies of the several Departments in those counties and get their views in relation to the plan. It will be seen that the idea at that time was to merge the Greene Co. Firemen's Ass'n in the new organization, but further investigation and consideration led to the belief that it would be more advisable to attempt the formation of an entirely distinct association for the three counties.

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The Secretary, Mr. Charles A. Nicoll, therefore addressed to every known company in the three counties the following circular letter:

Secretary's Office
Greene County Firemen's Association
Catskill, May 10, 1890

GENTLEMEN – In the year 1889 the fire companies of our county organized the "Greene County Firemen's Association," the first Convention being held in Catskill, July 14, 1889.

The attendance at the Convention and the hearty support of citizens in general testify to the interest taken, and the beneficial influence of our Association is already apparent.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held in Coxsack, N. Y., on May 8, 1890, it was suggested that a wider influence, and still more beneficial results, could be obtained by the organization of a Firemen's Association of the Counties of Greene, Ulster and Columbia. The matter received earnest consideration, and I address you under authority of a resolution that all fire companies in Ulster and Columbia be communicated with herein.

Will your company be willing to appoint delegates to a meeting to be held in the near future, at which the subject can be discussed?

Such preliminary meeting, of which due notice will be given as to time and place, would in no way bind companies sending delegates, but is intended simply for a full and free consideration of the matter and as a means of obtaining united efforts should the idea be favorably received. The plan is so unanimously

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endorsed by our county companies we cannot but think that Ulster and Columbia county firemen will also be interested.

Cannot an organization be speedily perfected and a Convention and Field Day of the Tri-County Association be held this Summer?

I would therefore submit the matter for your consideration and ask that a reply be granted an early date.

Yours truly, Chas. A. Nicoll, Sec'y

The answers to this letter were so strongly in favor of the idea that on June 19 Mr. Nicoll as Secretary issued a call for each company to send three delegates to a meeting to consider the question; and on July 1, 1890, about 60 firemen, representing 27 of the 45 companies in the three counties, met in joint convention at Coxsackie, N. Y. After a full and free expression of opinions of the plans proposed, it was decided to form a Tri-County Firemen's Association – Greene, Ulster and Columbia. A committee – consisting of one member of each company represented, reported a plan of organization, which was adopted, and officers were elected, to serve until the first annual convention, with the following results: President – George H. Scott, Coxsackie.

Vice-Presidents – Peter P. Zeeh, Kingston; Daniel W. Bugel, Hudson; Mackey Hardwick, Catskill; H. A. Blunt, Chatham; C. G. A. Fisher, Ellenville; Wm. C. Brady, Athens.

Secretary – F. A. Hallenbeck, Hudson.

Treasurer – Dr. Robert Selden, Catskill.

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Executive Committee – F. G. Walters, Cairo; T. B. Alcott, Coxsackie; George W. Newkirk, Kingston; P. H. McGivney, Rondout; Mason I. Crocker, Hudson; A. J. Race, Hudson.

Delegate to State Firemen's Association – Harry Hall, Catskill.

At the First Annual Convention, held in Kingston, N. Y., on October 7, 1890, 23 companies were represented by 67 members, the Constitution and By-Laws were adopted and officers elected and appointed for 1890-91, as follows:

President – Charles G. Coffin, Catskill.

Vice-Presidents – Peter P. Zeeh, Kingston; Peter Lahr, Hudson; Joseph Solomon, Hudson; P. De Witt Hitchcock, Catskill; J. E. Brown, jr., [sic] Coxsackie; Wm. F. Fuller, Ellenville.

Secretary – Frank A. Hallenbeck, Hudson.

Treasurer – Tjerck J. Rifenbary, Kingston.

Executive Committee – R. P. Barker, Catskill; C. J. Brown, Hudson; Peter Welsh, Catskill; P. H. McGivney, Kingston, George Klemmer, Hudson, J. Charles Snyder, Kingston.

Committee on Topics – Everett Fowler, Kingston; Harry Hall, Catskill; Geo. Sleight, Rondout; Theo. Bradley, Hudson; Geo. W. Newkirk, Kingston.

Auditing Committee – Geo. H. Scott, Coxsackie; John C. Shaver, Hudson; Lewis Koltz, Kingston.

Delegate to State Firemen's Association – Dr. Robert Selden, Catskill.

No effort at display was made, but the interest taken in the proceeding of the Convention demonstrated the popularity of the Association.

Hudson, N. Y., was chosen as the place for holding the Second Annual Convention, on October 6, 1891.

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The following officers were elected:

President – Tjerck J. Rifenbary, Kingston; Vice-Presidents – Thos. Leary, Hudson; Geo. H. Granger, Hudson; Geo. L. Gaynor, Catskill; Michael J. Rafferty, Kingston, Secretary – C. J. Brown, Hudson.

Treasurer, Wm. C. Brady, Athens.

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Executive Committee – R. P. Barker, Catskill; J. C. Snyder, Kingston; Geo. H. Scott, Coxsackie; Daniel W. Bugel, Hudson, George W. Newkirk, Kingston, C. N. Traver, Hudson.

Auditing Committee – George W. Wachmeyer, Ulster; Frank B. Lasher, Columbia; J. Slattery, Greene.

Delegate to State Fire Convention – John C. Shaver, Hudson.

The parade was the largest and finest seen in this section in recent years, despite the heavy rainstorm prevailing during the entire continuance. [sic]

Catskill was chosen as the place for holding the Third Annual Convention, on October 4, 1892. The following officers were elected.

President – Charles G. Coffin, Catskill.

Vice-Presidents – George W. Newkirk, Kingston; Irving Arnsfield, Catskill; George Perry, Hudson; E. J. Lewis, Saugerties; Ralph P. Barker, Catskill; William Geroldsek, Hudson.

Secretary - C. J. Brown, Hudson.

Treasurer – Geo. Wachmeyer, jr., [sic] Rondout.

Executive Committee – Geo. H. Scott, Coxsackie; Wm. Winter, jr., [sic] Rondout; Horace P. Dakin, Hudson; Wm. C. Brady, Athens; Henry A. Ohley, Saugerties; Daniel W. Bugel, Hudson.

Auditing Committee – Wm. C. Van Anden, Kingston, Eugene Wolfe, Athens, A. W. Ham, Hudson.

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Delegate to State Firemen's Association – Geo. L. Gaynor of Catskill; alternate – Dr. Robert Selden of Catskill, who served at Coney Island.

There arose a difference of opinion as to the meaning of the by-laws, in reference to amounts of initiation fee and dues required; and, after much discussion, it was decided that the President should appoint a committee to revise the by-laws and report at the next Convention. Harry Hall of Catskill, C. E. Niblett of Hudson and Everett Fowler of Kingston were appointed such committee.

The subject of enlarging the boundaries of the Association was also agitated, with the result that a committee composed of J. G. Tubby of Rondout, Dr. Robert Selden of Catskill, H. A. Blunt of Chatham, E. J. Lewis of Saugerties, Eugene Wolfe of Athens and William Granger of Hudson was appointed, with instructions to communicate with the companies located in the various Hudson River counties, to obtain their views of the feasibility of forming an Association embracing the entire district.

The weather was fine and in consequence the parade and tournament were successful in the highest degree. The attendance of delegates, also, was the largest in the history of the Association, insuring its permanency beyond all question.

Saugerties was chose as the place for holding the Fourth Annual Convention, on October 3, 1893.

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Companies in the Tri-County Association

Cornell Hose Co.	Kingston
Citizen's Hose Co.	Catskill
Exempt Fire Association	Hudson
Exempt Fire Association	Kingston
Exempt Fire Association	Saugerties
Evans Hook and Ladder Co.	Hudson
Hudson River Engine Co.	Coxsackie
Hamilton Steamer Co.	Coxsackie
Hoysradt Hose Co.	Hudson
Kingston Hose Co.	Kingston
La Fayette Hose Co.	Valatie
Laflin Hose Co.	Saugerties
Mackawomuc Engine Co.	Athens

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Osborn Hose Co.	Catskill
Phoenix Hose Co.	Hudson
Pioneer Engine Co.	Ellenville
Porter Engine Co.	Cairo
Rogers Hose Co.	Hudson
Rapid Hose Co.	Kingston
Rescue Hook and Ladder Co.	Athens
Rescue Hook and Ladder Co.	Kingston
Snyder Hose Co.	Saugerties
Union Hose Co.	Kingston
Veterans' Association	Catskill
Wash'gton Hook and Ladder Co.	Saugerties
Wilson Steamer Co.	Catskill
Washington Hose Co.	Hudson
Weiner Hose Co.	Kingston
Weber Hose Co.	Kingston
Wiltwyck Hose Co.	Kingston

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Officers and General Committee

Tri-County Tournament, Saugerties, 1893.

William Ziegler, President; I. Lazarus, Ed. Link, Jr., Ed Jernegan, Vice Presidents; John M. Tracy, Secretary; William Doyle, Treasurer.

R. A. Snyder Hose Co. No. 1.

H. C. Dolson, J. D. Fratsher, L. B. Stanton, Wm. Doyle, H. A. Ohley, E. J. Lewis, Wm. Ziegler, W. P. Freligh.

Lafin Hose Co. No. 2.

Ed. Link, Jr., M. F. Sexton, Wm. McCormick, Chas. Derby, Jr., Benj. Lutz, Frank Dale, Peter Hennegan.

Washington Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1.

Martin Cantine, Chas. Whitaker, Albert Rowe, W. V. Burhans, J. M. Tracy, R. D. Suderley, I. Lazarus.

Exempt Firemen's Association.

Ed. Jernegan, Ovid T. Simmons, John Lang, Carroll Whitaker, James Maines, J. P. Russell, J. H.

Hardenburgh.

1700. The Telegraph, Saugerties, NY. March 29th 1894.

About quarter past eleven o'clock yesterday forenoon the barn on the premises of Benj. Devall, (formerly the Ozias Cooper place,) on Ulster avenue, adjoining the premises of John E. Lasher on the east, and occupied by Mrs. Philip Foland, took fire from some unknown cause and before assistance could be rendered was burned to the ground. Fortunately the wind was blowing from the south, thereby keeping the blaze from a number of frame buildings that stood near by. Sparks from the burning building set fire to the shingle roofs on the residences of Capt. A. W. Hale, Ira Lewis and Abram Wolven, which were at once extinguished with pails of water. The barn was worth about \$400. There was an insurance on it of about \$200. Its contents were but of little value, excepting a wagon stored in it belonging to James Russell.

1701. Senator Dawes's Golden Wedding. – The Venerable Statesman and His Wife in Cheery Old Age – (Special to the World)

Pittsfield, Mass., May 1 – Telegrams and letters from all over the land have fairly showered upon ex-Senator and Mrs. Dawes to-day. Their home has been filled with flowers, and from every part of the

State have come friends to congratulate them upon reaching, in vigorous and cheery age, their golden wedding day.

Only a few intimate family friends sat down with Mr. and Mrs. Dawes and their children at the wedding breakfast at noon, but throughout the afternoon and far into the evening friends have trooped in their pretty home to speak a measure of felicitation.

Many valuable gifts were received, one which the ex-Senator prizes most being a pair of golden candlesticks from his long-time colleague, Senator Hoar; while the gift of the Monday Evening Club, of this place was a fob consisting of a large three-sided topaz set in gold, engraved with the Dawes crest and the Pittsfield seal and suitable inscribed.

1702. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Oct. 24, 1894.

There was a large attendance at the Democratic mass meeting at Maxwell Opera House Tuesday night. Charles A. Spaulding was chosen presiding officer. The meeting was addressed by William M. Ketcham, candidate for representative on Congress, and Richard E. Connell, night editor of the Poughkeepsie *News-Press*, Mr. Connell is an eloquent speaker, and made many warm personal friends during his brief stay in Saugerties. That's generally the way with bright, up-to-date, newspaper men. They have a faculty of making friends wherever they go, and Mr. Connell is no exception to the rule. Mr. Ketcham is a captivating speaker, and presented his views of the political situation in a masterly manner.

1703. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Oct. 3, 1894.

The fifth annual convention of the Tri-County Fireman's Association was held Tuesday at Hudson. After the transaction of the usual routine work, the following officers were elected by acclamation for the ensuing year. President Henry A. Ohley, of Saugerties; First Vice-President, William H. Brinnier, of Kingston; Second Vice-President Henry Bucksby, of Hudson; Third Vice-President, Eugene Wolfe, of Athens; Secretary, Harry M. C. Vedder, of Catskill; Treasurer, George Wachmeyer, of Kingston. Thomas Hamman, of Hudson, Delegate to the State Convention. The Tri County Convention next year will be held at Coxsackie.

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1704. [Page 10 of 28] FORMATION OF COLUMN.

First Division

Mounted Platoon, Grand Marshal – O. T. Simmons

Aids – Dr. M. H. Wygant, Dr. S. L. Dawes

Board of Directors, Judges, Invited Guests

Disabled Exempt Firemen

Minnehaha Steamer No. 1 of Saugerties

Chiefs and Assistants, and ex-Chiefs

New York Band

Exempt Fire Association of New York City

J. R. Durkee Hose Co. of Fort Edward

Young America Drum Corps

Young America Hose Co., Jr., of Poughkeepsie

Philmont Band

J. L. DePuyster Engine Co. of Tivoli

Herald Band of Coeymans

Rough and Ready Engine Co. of Coeymans

Highland Band

Walter W. Schell Hose Co. of Rhinebeck

Second Division

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Marshal and Aids
West Point U. S. Military Band
Cortlandt Hook and Ladder Co. of Peekskill
La Fayette Hose Co. of Valatie
Troy Cadet Band
Citizens' Hose Co. No. 2 of Bath-on-Hudson
C. A. Bailey Hook and Ladder Co. of Bath-on-Hudson
Band
I. H. Maynard Hose Co. of Stamford
Post Willard Drum Corps
Jason C. Osgood Steamer Co. of Troy

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Third Division

Marshal and Aids
Magginis's High Falls Band
Kingston Exempts
Goeller's Military Band
Clinton Hose Co. of Kingston
Ponckhockie Band
Rescue Hook and Ladder Co. of Kingston
Whiteport Band
Weiner Hose Co. of Kingston
Peabody's Po'keepsie Band
Wiltwyck Hose and Hook & Ladder Co., Kingston

Fourth Division

Marshal and Aids
Castleton Cadet Band
Mackawomuc Engine Co. No. 3 of Athens
Band
Rescue Hook and Ladder Co. of Athens
Athens Drum Corps
Morton Steamer Co. of Athens
Kingston City Fife, Drum and Bugle Corps
A. M. Osborn Hose Co. No. 2 of Catskill
47th Regiment Drum Corps of Brooklyn
Citizens' Hose Co. No. 5 of Catskill

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Sixth Division

Marshal and Aids
Hudson Band
Washington Hose Co. No. 3 of Hudson
Craver Fife and Drum Corps
J. W. Hoysradt Hose Co. No. 8 of Hudson
Band
Phoenix Hose Co. of Hudson
Band
Edmonds Hose Co. of Hudson

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Drum Corps
Protection Hose Co. of West Troy
Drum Corps
D. M. Hamilton Steamer Co. No. 2 of Coxsackie

Sixth Division

Marshal and Aids
Drum Corps
Saugerties Exempt Firemen
19th Separate Co. Drum Corps of Poughkeepsie
Lafin Hose Co. of Saugerties
Gartland's 10th Regiment Band of Albany
Washington Hook and Ladder Co. of Saugerties
Albany City Band
Snyder Hose Co. of Saugerties

Note – Niagara Engine Co. of Poughkeepsie, with Fifteenth Separate Co. Drum Corps will follow Lafayette Hose Co. of Valatie, in Second Division.

1707. [Page 13 of 28] Line of March for the GRAND PARADE, Wednesday, October 4, 1893.
The Parade will form on Washington avenue, right resting on Lafayette, at 12 o'clock and will move, in charge of Chief Engineer R. D. Suderley and aids – Lafayette to Market, Market to Ulster, Ulster to Elizabeth, Elizabeth to Livingston, Livingston to First, First to Main, Main to West Bridge, West Bridge to hill, Hill to Church, Church to Valley, Valley to Underwood, Underwood to East Bridge, East Bridge to Theodore Place, Theodore Place to Hill, Hill to McCarthy, McCarthy to Partition, Partition to Jane, Jane to James, James to Main, Main to John, John to Lafayette, Lafayette to Washington, Washington to Russell, Russell to Partition, Partition to Firemen's Hall, and dismiss.

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Tri-County Drill.

Open to all Companies in Tri-County Ass'n.

will take place at 2:30 o'clock P. M.

\$100 to 1st, \$50 to 2d.

Special Prize Drill.

Open to all companies in United States and Canada.

will take place at 3 o'clock P. M.

\$100 to the winner.

Tri-County Hand-Engine Contest.

Open to Companies in Tri-County Ass'n.

will take place at 5 o'clock P. M.

\$75 to 1st, \$25 to 2d.

\$100 in Gold

to Finest Appearing Company

as to *personnel*, decorum, etc. To be decided

by competent and impartial judges

Open to all Companies in United States and Canada.

Saugerties Companies barred from all prizes

GRAND PARADE at 12 o'clock, noon.

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The colored firemen of Georgia are to have a field day at the Augusta Exposition.

The first fire company was organized one hundred and sixty-three years ago, by a special act of the Continental Legislature.

The first village ordinance in aid of firemen in this country was passed in 1858, four years after the incorporation of New York as a village.

Stick a Pin Here!

YOU KEEP BOARDERS? Then next Summer you will want Circulars, Cards, Note Heads, Letter Heads, Envelopes, Bill Head, Menus, Etc. Etc.

WELL, WE PRINT THEM, in the Latest Styles of Type, on Good Stock, with the Best Inks, Neatly, Reasonably, Expeditiously.

MAYBE YOU ARE A MERCHANT or a Professional Man: Well, We Do All Kinds of Printing and Do It Well. Permit Us to Quote You Prices. THE RECORDER, CATSKILL, NY.

Brooklyn's paid department is 24 years old.

There are 1400 fire companies in New York State.

The foundation of the Volunteer Fire Department of the city of New York was laid by Peter Stuyvesant, the brave old one-legged commander-in-chief, in 1648, and it continued in existence for 217 years.

1710. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Aug. 24, 1894.

The New York State Firemen's Association concluded its twenty-second annual convention at Oswego Wednesday and adjourned to meet at Troy the third Tuesday in August, 1895. The following officers were elected: President, John F. Schlosser of Fishkill; Vice-Presidents, W. Y. Elliott of Elmira and John R. Mahoney of Lockport; Secretary, Thomas Honohan; Treasurer, G. H. Scott of Coxsackie, Statistician, W. Churchill, of Weedsport.

1711. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. July 24, 1894.

One of the large new boilers for the paper mills was dumped off the dock into about twenty feet of water while in transit Monday forenoon. It appears while rounding the corner of the building near the ferry slip, the truck, which was top heavy from the weight of the boiler, capsized and it went over board. With aid of a large derrick and a barge, the boiler was hoisted out none the worse for its involuntary bath. Fortunately no person was injured.

1712. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Sept. 11, 1894.

Democratic primaries were held throughout the town Monday night to choose delegates to the Assembly District Convention. The electors in districts Nos. 1, 2 and 3 met at the court room and organized by electing Egbert Cooper chairman and Homer Russell secretary. The electors in the other districts met at Kaufman's Kleeber's and Schoentag's. The delegation in full is as follows: District No. 1 – Ernest Hassinger; No. 2 – James O. Carnright; No. 3 – Martin Sexton; No. 4 – James Carney; No. 5 – Addison Overbagh; No. 6 – Benjamin M. Brink.

1713. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Sep 5, 1894.

At the regular monthly meeting of Laflin Hose Co. No. 2, held Tuesday evening, Sept 4th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: John W. Kime, Foreman; Edward Dillon, First Assistant Foreman; Samuel Dixon, Second Assistant Foreman; William J. Cox, Representative; Edward P. McCormick, Recording Secretary; John E. McCormick, Financial Secretary; Peter Hennegan, Treasurer; H. D. Laflin, John W. Kime, William Gordon, Trustees; William McCormick, William Burnett, Delegates to the Tri County Convention; William Gordon, William McCormick, Thomas Bradley, Refreshment Committee.

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1714. [Page 16 of 28] Exempt Firemen's Association of Saugerties. Organized November 21, 1892.

Thos. J. Barrett, Foreman.

J. H. Van Keuren, First Assistant Foreman.

Jas. Maine, Second Assistant Foreman

Irwin Ronk, Secretary

Jeremiah P. Russell, Treasurer

S. J. Adams

H. D. Laflin

Edgar Blackwell

A. P. Lasher

Frank Bostwick

Dennis McLaughlin

Samuel Cohen

C. L. Maines

Egbert Cooper

W. S. Manning

James O. Carnright

John McCormick

Mitchell Dawes

F. L. Osterhoudt

John Dorian

John G. Palmer

Jeremiah Finger

C. E. Quick

William L. Finger

Charles Quase

Edson Finger

J. W. Reinhard

Daniel N. Finger

George Seaman

Samuel Gilmore

O. T. Simmons

Frank Hansen

Henry Tepe

John H. Hardenbergh

E. M. Wilbur

Edward Jernegan

M. H. Wygant

J. T. A. Jewett

Carroll Whitaker

Ira Lewis

F. A. Yerger

John Lang

1715. [Page 17 of 28] Laflin Hose Co. No. 2

M. F. Sexton, Foreman

Wm. Gordon, First Assistant Foreman

John W. Keime, Second Assistant Foreman

Wm. Burnett, Third Assistant Foreman

Edward McCormick, Secretary

Peter Heenahan, Treasurer

P. T. Gordon, Representative

Albert Burhans

Benjamin Lutz

Thomas Bradley

George Lutz

William J. Cox

Ed. Link, Jr.

Matthew Casey

Thomas Mannian

F. J. Dale

John McCormick, Jr.

William Dixon

William McCormick

Samuel Dixon

Jonas Myer

M. E. Donlon

J. A. McCarthy

Edward Dillon

George W. Phillips

Charles Derby, Jr.

James Reynolds

William France

Edward Reynolds

C. Geuthner

Bernard Reynolds

Edward Healey

George Reynolds

Thomas Healey

Christopher Stous

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Thomas Hogan
J. J. Heenahan
George Hollinger

Harry Stewart
W. E. Yahncke

1716. [Page 18 of 28] Washington Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1

Martin Cantine, Foreman
Charles Whitaker, First Assistant Foreman
William McMullen, Second Assistant Foreman
J. M. Tracy, Secretary
Albert Rowe, Treasurer
Edgar Myer, Theodore Kistner, Thomas Tuttle, Trustees
William V. Burhans
L. J. Butzel
M. J. Barry
Michael Clirkin
John Dietrick
A. L. Decker
Samuel Davenport
Patrick Doyle
John Gippert
H. A. Hildebrandt
F. Hildebrandt
M. L. Hull
C. E. Holt
Andrew Jacobs
L. H. Kleeber
I. Lazarus
Jacob Lang
Charles McCormick
William Mattes
James O'Hara
George W. Peters
Frank Quick
R. D. Suderley
Philip Smith
M. M. Schoenfeld
George Snyder
Peter I. Snyder
Alexander Teetsel
William Tracy
William E. Wolven
E. E. Walker
George Yerger

1717. [Page 19 of 28] R. A. Snyder Hose Co. No. 1.

J. A. Snyder, President; T. B. Belch, Vice-President; L. B. Stanton, Foreman; Ernest Myer, First Assistant Foreman; H. C. Dolson, Second Assistant Foreman; J. D. Fratscher, Secretary; Wm. H. Rivenburgh, Treasurer; Clarence G. Wilson, Representative.

John Bruckner
W. W. Bohr
P. H. Davis
William Doyle
William P. Freligh
Ernest Hassinger
Jacob Hardenberg
Leonard Howard
F. A. Jewett
Charles Koch
J. William Lackey
E. J. Lewis
F. T. Lewis
L. P. M. Loerzel
S. W. Merclean
James Maines, Jr.
E. T. Myer
H. A. Ohley
C. L. Reinhard
William E. Simmons
J. Charles Suderley
Richard Stutz
Alfred Saam
A. Steenkan
E. L. Seaman
James Teller
Charles Teller
F. William Tepe
J. W. Tompkins
Scott Van Buskirk
C. Van Buskirk
Robert Webber
William M. Washburn
Geo. W. Washburn, Jr.

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J. H. Murphy
Frank Murphy
Alfred Nestlen

B. R. Whitaker
R. E. Young
William Ziegler

1718. [Page 20 of 28] Honorary Members R. A. Snyder Hose Co. No. 1

C. E. Blackwell
Peter Canner
J. O. Carnright
Ezra Carnright
Samuel Cohen
Norman Cunyces
Dr. T. S. Dawes
Mitchell Dawes
Charles Davis
J. C. Davis
William H. Eckert
D. L. Finger
William L. Finger
William M. Freligh
George Kasel
A. P. Lasher

John Lang
William Liddle
F. A. Meckel
R. Montross
W. S. Manning
W. O. Pettit
J. W. Reinhard
William G. Sickles
J. Frank Sweeney
Theodore Traver
Alfred Teetsel
Elliott Tyson
M. H. Wygant
E. E. Walker
F. A. Yerger

Firemen! ---

When visiting Catskill never miss the well-known

Exchange House,

Six doors above the Postoffice. The House is
conducted by
VAN. PERSON,

One of the most active Firemen in the State. There
you can get the leading brands of
Ales, Porters, Wines, Cigars, etc.

BALLENTINE'S BEER A SPECIALTY
Ladies' and Gents' Restaurant Upstairs.

1719. [Page 21 of 28] Chief Engineers, 1856-1893

1856 - T. J. Barrett; 1857 - C. W. Baker, 1858 - A. J. Myer, 1859 - James Maines, 1860 - Joseph M. Boice, 1861 - William R. Shultis, 1862 - William Hanna, 1863 - H. D. Laflin, 1864 - I. Rosepaugh, 1865 - B. M. Freligh, 1866 - H. D. Laflin, 1867 - H. D. Laflin, 1868 - A. J. Myer, 1869 - Wm. C. Mitchell, 1870 - Alfred Teetsel, 1871 - Wm. C. Mitchell, 1872 - Louis Yerger, 1873 - B. M. Freligh, 1874 - B. M. Freligh, 1875 - B. M. Freligh, 1876 - Jacob I. Williams, 1877 - Louis Yerger, 1878 - Patrick Maxwell; 1879 - A. J. Myer, 1880 - B. M. Freligh, 1881 - B. M. Freligh, 1882 - A. J. Myer, 1883 - A. J. Myer, 1884 - A. J. Myer, 1885 - B. M. Freligh, 1886 - B. M. Freligh, 1887 - B. M. Freligh, 1888 - B. M. Freligh, 1889 - William Ziegler, 1890 - L. J. Butzel, 1891 - H. A. Ohley, 1892 - H. A. Ohley, 1893 - R. D. Suderley.

1720. Subpeona Ticket - Circuit. (142) Avery Herrick, Publisher and Printer, Albany, N. Y.
By Virtue of a Writ of Subpoena, To you directed and herewith shown to you, YOU ARE COMMANDED

that, all business and excuses being laid aside, you be and appear, in your proper person, before one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, at a Circuit Court appointed to be held in and for the County of Ulster at the Court House in City of Kingston on the fourth day of December, 1894 at ten o'clock in the fore noon, to testify all and singular what you may know in a civil action now pending in the Supreme Court, then and there to be tried between the Saugerties Water Company, *plaintiff* and The Directors of the Village of Saugerties, *defendant* on the part of the Plaintiff And for a failure to attend you will be deemed guilty of a contempt of Court, and liable to pay all loss and damages sustained thereby to the party aggrieved, and forfeit fifty dollars in addition thereto.

Dated this 26th day of Nov, 1894 BY THE COURT,

To. Ernest Hassinger, A. T. Clearwater Plfts Attorney.

1721. Daily Post Saugerties, NY. Jan 4, 1895.

At the annual meeting of Washington Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1 held Thursday evening, Jan. 3d, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Foreman, Michael Clerkin; First Assistant Foreman, Charles Whitaker; Second Assistant Foreman, Charles McCormick; Secretary, Edgar Myer; Treasurer, Isaac Lazarus; Trustees, William McMullen; Delegates to the Tri-County Convention, William Mattes and Lewis H. Kleeber. William V. Burhans was nominated for First Assistant Engineer of the fire department.

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1722. [Page 22 of 28] The Village of Saugerties.

Saugerties, N. Y., is an incorporated village. It lies upon and extends back from the Hudson River in the North Eastern portion of Ulster County; is 99 miles from New York city and 42 from Albany, and is in direct communication with these and other points by the West Shore Railway, which has a depot within the village limits, and by the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad, on the Eastern shore of the Hudson, by ferry, also by several lines of steamboats that land daily at our docks. There is a line of well managed freight and passenger night boats owned here, which make nightly trips to the metropolis. The population is about 6000. There are seven churches, one parochial and three public schools, the latter recently organized as a union free school, under an able management; one daily and two weekly newspapers, one National and one State and one savings bank. The hotels are excellent, give ample accommodation, at reasonable rates, and are conducted with a view of meeting the wants of the public. The village, is abundantly supplied with pure mountain water, and is protected from fire by an excellent system of waterworks, brought to the village by gravity, through a pipe line having fall great enough to force water through hose attachments alone over the highest buildings. In addition, for fire protection, we have a fine well drilled volun-

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teer Fire Department, consisting of one steam fire engine, one hand engine, two hose and one hook and ladder company.

The streets are well shaded, lit by gas and electric light, and the walks are flagged.

For beauty of scenery, and healthfulness, Saugerties is not surpassed by any town of city on the banks of the Rhine of America.

The Esopus Creek, one of the largest water-powers in the State, winds its way through the village to pay tribute to the Hudson. The creek is about 200 feet wide, and from the falls up is navigable for a distance of nearly three miles, when further progress is stopped by a long and beautiful rapid. The opportunities for gratifying the health giving desires for boating and bathing here cannot be excelled, while for fishing these waters furnish the veteran and the novice the gamey trout, black bass, pickerel and other game fish.

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Saugerties lies nearer to the world-famed Catskill Mountain resorts, such as the Overlook, Kaaterskill, Laurel and Catskill Mountain Houses, than any other place along the Hudson. From this place drives can be made to all these places and return the same day.

The lower Esopus, known as Saugerties Creek, is one of the best harbors on the river.

To those who desire to pass a vacation amid beautiful scenery, pure air and water, with fresh and bountiful dairy products, and amid streams and ponds well stocked with trout and bass, we suggest a trial here.

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TOWN OFFICIALS.

J. D. Fratscher, Supervisor.

S. W. Merclean, Town Clerk.

B. M. CoonA. H. Lasher

Jesse FieroCyrus Fuller

Justices of the Peace

VILLAGE BOARD OF HEALTH.

B. F. Crump, President

Alex LackeyPeter Canner

S. W. Merclean, Clerk

Dr. S. L. Dawes, Health Officer

VILLAGE CHURCHES.

Reformed – Rev. Dr. Dennis Wortman, Pastor.

Methodist – Rev. Oscar Haviland, Pastor.

First Baptist – Rev. F. H. Gates, Pastor.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic – Rev. Fathers Murray and Murphy

Trinity Episcopal – Rev. Thomas Cole, Rector.

Congregational – Rev. W. F. Stowe, Pastor.

German Lutheran – Rev. Fredrick Leddin, Pastor.

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Officers of the Saugerties Fire Department.

R. D. Suderley, Chief Engineer.

Edward Link, Jr., First Assistant Engineer.

E. J. Lewis, Second Assistant Engineer.

Ernest Hassinger, Treasurer.

Directors of the Village of Saugerties.

M. H. Wygant, President.

Tjerck Huyck, Vice-President

Norman Cunyes, C. E. Cornwell, J. H. Van Keuren, Daniel Curley, James Dederick, Clerk.

Officers of Saugerties Board of Trade.

Martin Cantine, President.

Peter Canner, Vice-President

J. P. Russell, Treasurer

F. A. Jewett, Secretary

Board of Education of District No. 10 Saugerties.

O. T. Simmons, W. L. Darbee

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T. B. Cornwell, W. Porter
Charles Clum, J. C. Davis
C. Whitaker, A. P. Lasher
Peter Canner
F. N. Moulton, Principal and Superintendent

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Lodges, Encampments, Councils.

Ulster Lodge, No. 193, F. & A. M. Meets Wednesday evening in Russell's Block.
Ulster Lodge, No. 59, I. O. O. F. Meets Thursday Evening in Brede's Building.
Thomas Weildy [*sic*] Encampment, No. 39, I. O. O. F. Meets Friday Evening, in Brede's Building.
Confidence Lodge, No. 51, I. O. O. F. Meets Monday Evening in Whitaker's Building.
Saugerties Council, No. 1365, Royal Arcanum. Meets Second and Fourth Friday Evenings in Each Month,
at 8 o'clock, in Whitaker's Building.
E. of P. Lodge, No. 114. Meets Tuesday Evening, in Savings Bank Hall.

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Clubs, Fire Companies, Societies.

Irving Club, meets first Thursday in month
Snyder Hose Co., meets first Tuesday in month.
Washington Hook-Ladder Co., meets first Thursday in month
Lafin Hose Co., meets first Monday in month
Saugerties Mænnen Quartette, meets first Saturday in month
Village Board of Trustees, meets first Saturday in month
Board of Education, meets last Tuesday in month

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Places of Interest.

Sheffield Manufacturing Co's Mills.
Pulp Mill.
Fuller & Crump Box Factory.
Martin Cantine Card Factory, Ripley St.
Needle Factory, Jane St.
Electric Light Works, Partition St.
Irving Club Rooms, cor. Partition and Jane Sts.
Y. M. C. A. Rooms, Porter Building, Main St.
R. A. Snyder Hose Rooms, Firemen's Hall.
Washington Hook and Ladder Rooms, Firemen's Hall.
Exempt Firemen's Association Rooms, Firemen's Hall.
Lafin Hose Rooms, Theodore Place.
Singer Park, Malden Avenue.
Esopus Creek.
Democratic Club Rooms, Russell Block.
Eureka Club Rooms, Davis Building.
Stone Works, on Dock.

1729. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. May 8, 1894. – To the Fire Department of Saugerties.

GENTLEMEN - Allow me to extend to you my thanks for the honor shown to the memory of my late husband, Mr. Alfred Teetsel. During life he always took a great interest in your organization and last fall,

during the convention held in your village, he being present, often spoke with pride of the fine appearance of your department on that occasion. Knowing that you sympathize with me in my great affliction and that you will always cherish a kindly remembrance of one who was once a chosen comrade, I remain Sincerely yours, Mrs. A. Teetsel. Jersey City, May 6th 1894.

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1730. The Telegraph, Saugerties, NY. Jan. 11th, 1894. – Directors' Proceedings.

The village directors of 1894 met for organization and transaction of business Jan. 6th, 1894.

The directors from several wards were present as follows: Ward No. 1, O. T. Simmons; Chas. E. Cornwall; Ward No. 2, M. H. Wygant, Martin Cantine; Ward No. 3, E. L. Quick, Norman Cunyes.

The Clerk called the meeting to order and stated that all the directors having qualified the first business in order was the election of a president. After appointing directors Cunyes and Wygant tellers, as informal ballot was taken resulting – Mr. Cunyes, 5, Mr. Wygant, 1. Mr. Wygant declined in favor of Mr. Cunyes and, on motion of Mr. Simmons, Mr. Cunyes was elected President unanimously by acclamation. Mr. Cunyes, on taking the chair, thanked the board in an appropriate manner for the honor conferred and assumed the duties of the office.

After an informal ballot, O. T. Simmons was elected Vice-President by acclamation.

The election of Clerk being next in order Mr. Wygant nominated Jas. Dederick, which was seconded. As no other name was placed in nomination, Mr. Simmons moved that Mr. Dederick be elected Clerk of the Board for the year of 1894, by acclamation, which was carried.

The Street Commissionership being next considered an informal ballot stood – P. Corcoran, 3, Geo. Morgan 2. Augustus Norris, 1

A formal ballot resulted – Corcoran, 3, Morgan, 1, Blank, 1.

Mr. Corcoran was therefore declared elected.

The Janitorship being next considered an informal ballot resulted – John G. Palmer, 3, E. Hassinger, 3.

A formal ballot resulted – Palmer, 4, Hassinger, 2.

Mr. Palmer was declared elected janitor.

Mr. Cantine moved that one engineer and one assistant be named for the steamer in place of two with joint responsibility, so that one man might be considered as the responsible head of the department, and after some discussion and a conference with Messrs. Capen and Montross, it was unanimously moved that Chas. Capen be chief and Chas. Montross be assistant engineer of steamer at same salary as last year, viz: \$40.00 each per year.

On motion of Mr. Simmons, Wm. E. Person was retained to care for the town clock at the same salary as last year, viz: \$50.00

The President appointed as the Finance Committee Messrs. Wygant, chairman, Cantine, Quick and Simmons.

Upon motion, it was decided to meet twice each month – on the 1st and 3d Saturday nights – and thus expedite business by making the sessions shorter.

The recommendations for officers of the fire department was read and confirmed as follows: E. J. Lynk Jr., Chief Engineer; E. J. Lewis, 1st Assistant; Philip C. Smith, 2nd Assistant; E. Hassinger, Treasurer.

The minutes of the last meeting of the old board were read and approved.

Mr. Simmons made complain regarding the impassable condition of the sidewalks of Mrs. Battelle and Mrs. Winslow, and on motion the Clerk was directed to notify them to have same put in passable condition within 30 days, or the village would do same at their expense.

Committee on stone crusher reported that Mr. Beers would not reduce his price of 50¢. per ton for delivery of the rock to the crusher, but that another party had offered to do the same work for 42¢. per ton.

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On motion of Mr. Simmons, the report was accepted, and, upon motion of Mr. Wygant, President Cunyes was continued a committee to which was added Directors Cantine and Cornwall [*sic*] to look after the getting out of the stone and the employment of suitable men for that purpose – this resulting from Director Quick's suggestion that the village operate the crusher and give work to the unemployed of the village.

On motion of Mr. Simmons, a reward of \$25.00 was ordered offered for the arrest and conviction of any person destroying village property.

Director Cantine called attention to the dumping of ashes and garbage in the streets, and, on motion of Mr. Simmons, the Street Commissioner was directed to take proper measures to notify all to discontinue the same at once; and on motion of Director Quick, the ordinance in reference to the above nuisance was ordered published and posted.

Upon motion of Director Simmons all bills in the Clerk's hands were referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion, adjournment was then ordered. J. Dederick, Clerk.

1731. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Feb. 19, 1894. – OUR COMMON COUNCIL – The Usual Amount of Public Business Transacted.

The village Directors held a regular meeting Saturday evening.

All the directors except Mr. Cantine were present and the president, Mr. Cunyes, presided.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Cunyes the committee to secure and erect signs for streets used for coasting reported the work completed.

Mr. Quick, the committee to look up the wide tire matter reported that there is no law covering the matter and that the Board has no power whatever to enforce an ordinance of the kind proposed. The report was ordered received and the committee discharged.

Mr. Wygant, the committee to confer with Mr. Sickler as to his claim against the village stated that he was not ready to make a full report and would report progress.

The bill of the American Fire Engine Co., amounting to \$172.95, was discussed at length, and on motion of Mr. Wygant ordered paid.

Supervisor Fratsher was present, for the purpose of settling the differences as to the use of Firemen's Hall for election purposes and presented numerous bills showing that the town had never paid more than \$10 for each election.

On motion of Mr. Simmons the resolution passed April 12, 1884, charging \$15 for use of hall was rescinded.

On motion of Mr. Simmons the charge hereafter will be \$10 for use of Hall and \$5 for storage of booths.

The following bills were read and ordered paid:

E. Barritt, making and painting signs,	\$ 2.32
Dr. S. L. Dawes, registering births and deaths,	10.75
S. W. Merclean, registering births, deaths and marriages,	47.95
Alex Lackey, health inspector,	9.00
Saugerties Coal and Lumber Co.,	122.75
Van Buskirk Bros., supplies,	28.08
J. L. Butzel's Sons, supplies,	1.02
P. Corcoran, work at crusher,	24.23
Chas. Mc Cormick and Robert Casey work on Empire Engine,	8.00

The bill of Belch & Keenan for feathers, tick, etc., amount \$15.00 was referred to the Finance Committee.

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The bills which had been laid upon the table were taken up and disposed of as follows:

Wm. Dixon, watching Fuller & Crump fire, \$ 2.00

E. P. McCormick, watching Fuller & Crump fire, 2.00

The bills for refreshments for firemen were again taken up and discussed at length with a tendency to throw the bills out altogether, but after consideration the following resolution was

Whereas, the bills of John Sinnott for refreshments on the night of Dec. 10th, 1893, amount \$5.00, the bill of A. Brownson, for same purpose on Dec 10th, 1893, \$8.80 and the bill of Martin Sexton of Jan 24, 1894, for the same purpose, amount \$12.00, do not meet the approval of the Board of Directors, and yet the said Board believes that the same was furnished in good faith, recommend the payment of each of the said bills to the extent of one-half of the same claimed in each bill, and the Board hereby give notice that no further bills presented for refreshments will be entertained or approved. The resolution was carried.

The bills of Norman Cunyes and Chas. E. Cornwell for services as inspectors of election at village election held in Dec. 1893, amount \$2.00 each, was ordered paid.

The clerk reported check for \$54.00 from Supervisor Fratscher for use of Firemens' Hall for election purposes in hand of Village Treasurer.

Director Quick stated that there was a good deal of agitation in the village regarding water works and sewers, that he had been requested by a large number of tax payers to present the matter before the Board and he would suggest that a public meeting be called at the Court Room, and all taxpayers meet the Board and discuss the matter, and let the people decide whether they want water works and sewers, and the manner they are to be procured. This statement seemed to meet the approval of the majority of the Board, and on motion of Mr. Quick, the taxpayers are invited to meet with the Board at the Court Room, Russell Block, Tuesday evening, Feb. 27, for the purpose of discussing the advisability of building a system of water works and sewers.

On motion of Mr. Wygant, the clerk is to notify janitor Palmer to have the Director's room opened and warm meeting nights.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

1732. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Oct. 16, 1894.

The following letter from the Hon. William F. Russell, written in reply to an invitation to act as one of the vice-presidents at the Democratic mass meeting held at Kingston on Monday night, is so characteristic of the man, we give it entire as follows: Saugerties, N. Y., Oct. 13th, Dear Sir, - I am in receipt of your favor of yesterday inviting me to act as one of the vice-presidents at the Democratic mass-meeting, which is to be addressed by Senator David B. Hill at the Academy of Music, Kingston, on Monday evening. I fully appreciate the invitation but am unable to accept. I have been a member of the democratic party 61 years, having cast my first ballot for the idol of my heart, Gen. Andrew Jackson, and have never failed in voting for the nominees of the Democratic party, both state and national for the past 60 years, and shall be delighted to vote for Hon. David B. Hill as the nominee of the Democratic party for Governor of the empire State at our next election I have always taken a deep and earnest part in behalf of the nominees of the Democratic party, always supporting the nominees with earnestness and have never bolted the regular nominees of our party and never will. I find at my age, now nearly 83 years and in the service 61 years, I must content myself by voting for the nominees of our party and entrusting its management to younger and more capable leaders. I will follow where they lead and assure you I bid you "Bon Voyage" in the struggle now in hand. May success crown your efforts! Most Sincerely, Wm. F. Russell.

1733. Alix in 2:03 3-4. The Great Little Mare Clips a Quarter of a Second Off the Trotting Record. On the Galesburg Track - She Speed in the Half Mile in 1:01 3-4, and Finishes Without a Skip. Evenly Gaited All the Way - Mc Dowell Drove Her with Good Judgment and Twenty Thousand People Cheered. (By

Telegraph to the Herald.) [Line drawings of the trotting horse and the horse.] [1 column article about the race.] [illustrations]

1734. Postage Stamp – 2 cent cut out circle, 1492-1892, two white silhouettes and a white eagle. [red] [This is a postal stationery stamp from an envelope.] [illustration]

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1735. New York Recorder, Jan. 28, 1894. – Expert Women Bowlers – They are Having a Big Tournament Now in Brooklyn. – Badges Popular Among Them. – Each of the Managers of the Different Teams Wears One and Some of Them Many More. [3 column article with line drawings of Mrs. Wenke, Albertina Harde, Johanna Smith, Mrs. Kreiger and Mrs. Studemund.] [illustrations]

1736. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Jan. 7, 1895. - The Baby Contest.
The baby contest at the glass blower's exhibition closed Saturday night, the prize being awarded to Jennie Ziegler for receiving the highest number of votes. Following was the vote in detail:

Jennie Ziegler, 197	Caswell Overbagh, 48
Theodore Traver Merclean, 99	Jeannette Finger, 187
Cornelia Carnright, 103	Louis Field, 7
Baby Decker, 10	Baby Darbee, 18
Robert Smith, 1	Blanche Merchant, 87
William A. Cornwell, 12	Altie Kimble, 9
Miles Clark, 5	Amanda Taylor, 64
Carrie Maxwell, 3	Julia Kerbert, 6
Baby Belch, 2	Walter Coon, 5
Charles Dickhout, 5	Stanly Styles, 5
Alice E. Bates, 1	Susan Beers, 1
Agnes Reinhard, 1	Annie Hening, 9
Baby Mawin, 6	Ettore Teetsel, 10
Emily Mower, 6	Minnie Dietrich, 3
Willie F. Lackey, 2	Dorothy Snyder, 9
Antonia Rovegno, 1	Francis Sauer, 7
Abel Baker, 1	Victoria Stewart, 1
Annie Brede, 1	Mary McGinn, 1

1737. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY, Jan. 7, 1895. – Citizen's Hose was "The Finest" - A Much Disputed Question Settled.

Ever since the convention of the State Firemen's Association at Coney Island, there has been a heated controversy over which company was awarded the credit for being the finest appearing company in the parade.

Citizens Hose, of Catskill, claimed the honor but their claims have been strenuously disputed by firemen from other places, and particularly by those of the village of Saugerties.

Citizen's Hose Company is now in possession of a certificate which finally settles the dispute, and awards them the honor. It is handsomely engrossed being the handiwork of G. F. Mott, and reads as follows:

"This certifies that Citizen's Hose Company No. 5 of Catskill, New York, was awarded First Prize, Finest appearing company in line at the Twenty-first Annual Convention of the New York State Firemen's Association, at Coney Island, Aug 15, 16, 17, and 18, 1893."

The certificate is signed by "Chas. J. Kurth, chairman; C. Stubenbord, president, F. P. Gallagher, treas., Robert J. Sutherland, chief, M. P. Ryan, secty ex com.; and John T. McKane, supervisor of the town of Gravesend."

The certificate is neatly framed, a present from Chas. G. Coffin, and will ornament the rooms of the company. – *Catskill Mail*.

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1738. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. April 16, 1894. – Feasting Firemen.

(From the Catskill --) [name of newspaper totally faded away, probably Recorder, based on article.]

The 20th of April is always a red letter day with the members of Citizens' Hose Co. No. 5 as it marks the anniversary of the organization of the company, and there is bound to be some kind of a celebration in keeping with the event. For the past five years this has taken the form of an annual banquet, at which the members of the company, and their invited guests gathered around the festive board and discussed fire reminiscences while doing justice to the viands tastefully prepared for them.

This year the annual gathering was held at Smith's Hotel, and there the members and guests assembled last Tuesday evening and partook of a dinner that was gotten up in the style that long ago made that well known hostelry famous. Besides the members of the company there were present as guests Trustees Stead, Lampman, Wiley and Holdridge, Chief Engineer Wiltse, Assistant Chief Hitchcock Foreman Baker of Osborn Hose, President Millington and Foreman Ruckerfeller of Wiley Hose, Postmaster Wm. Josebury, F. Hawver, the editor of the Examiner and the editor of the Recorder. After the dinner was disposed of, Foreman Vedder made an address in which he referred to the past proud record of the company and exhorted the members not to rest upon their laurels, and allow themselves to become rusty, but to ever strive to maintain the position they had so nobly won. He was followed in a brief speech by Trustee Stead, and Messrs. Millington, Coffin, Holdridge, Osborn, Baker, Wiltse, Hitchcock and Person also made short addresses. About midnight the party dispersed with the exception of a number who remained to test their skill at ten pins in Landlord Smith's bowling alley, two games being played between teams under the leadership of F. H. Osborn and P. G. Coffin.

Citizens' Hose Co. dates from April 10, 1869. The instigator of the movement that resulted in the formation of a fire company that has so ably vindicated its right, not only to existence but to the honors that come to it year by year since that time, was William Joesbury, who in connection with Frank Lynes, raised the money with which the first hose cart was purchased, and these two, with C. Beardsley, E. Beardsley, Irving Van Gorden, Frank P. Joesbury, J. D. Smith, C. A. Weed and Isaac Tollery, were charter members. Of these nine but three, C. Beardsley, F. P. Joesbury and C. A. Weed, are still members. The company has steadily increased in membership and some years ago won the title of "the Finest" fire company in the State. No matter whether on parade or in active fire duty the boys always give a good account of themselves.

The uniform of the company has been repeatedly copied by companies desiring to appear well on parade. This is not at all remarkable when it is remembered that the company won first prizes at the State convention held in Troy in 1887, in the succeeding year at Cortland, and in 1893 at Coney Island. That ought to be enough for one fire company, but Citizens Hose has still other laurels. A prophet may be without honor in his own country, but it is not so with Citizens' Hose. First awards were given them at the county conventions held at Athens and Coxsackie, and at Kingston by the Tri-County convention. In fact the boys have made a clean sweep with the single exception of the year Saugerties deliberately gave them the "razoo" in return for a fancied injustice in the award of first prize at the time the Tri-County convention was held in this village.

1739. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. May 14, 1894. – OUR COMMON COUNCIL. – The Usual Amount of Public Business Transacted.

The Village Board of Directors held a special meeting Saturday evening, May 12th, for the purpose of making up the tax budget for the ensuing year and for the purpose of taking action regarding the bonds about to be issued.

The committee on sale of bonds reported that the bills in reference there to have passed both houses of the Leg have been signed by the Governor; that all arrangements have been made for the issue except the printing of the bonds which will be attended to this week. The report was received and the committee continued.

The bill of the Secretary of State for filing, etc., of the acts passed, amount \$4.70 was ordered paid.

The tax budget for the ensuing year was made up as follows:

Interest on old bonds,	\$ 297.50
Interest on new bonds,	205.87
Old board to be paid,	1,000.00
Certificate of indebtedness,	500.00
Interest on same,	10.00
General fund,	3,000.00
For Streets,	4,000.00

Owing to the large amount of work done by the health board the past year that body have expended \$338.61 more than had been set aside for their use, and in order to pay this deficiency and allow enough for the current expenses of the board for the ensuing year, the sum of \$800 was ordered raised for the health board. Total amount to be raised by tax, \$9,813.27.

The assessors were ordered to prepare their books in accordance with the budget and present the same at the meeting of the board on May 19th.

The collector was notified to prepare his bond and present it at the same meeting. The amount of the bond was placed at \$20,000.

On motion, Messrs. Simmons and Cantine were appointed a committee to prepare and procure a suitable set of books for use of the village officers.

The committee on printing village charter were authorized to secure bids for printing 500 copies of the same.

On motion, the clerk's salary as made \$100 per annum, commencing May 8th, 1894. On motion, the salary of the Street Commissioner was made \$350 per annum, from the same date.

On motion the license fees collected were ordered placed in a special fund to be used only for such purposes as the Board may direct.

On motion meeting adjourned.

1740. The Telegraph, Saugerties, NY. April 5th 1894.

It is announced that the Ulster Lead Works at Glenerie, in this town, together with the valuable water power connected therewith, have been leased to the Westinghouse Electric Company, which we trust is true. The lease is stated to be for a term of five years from the 1st inst., with the privilege of purchase at or before the expiration of that period at a stated price. The work of overhauling and remodeling the buildings that now occupy the grounds will be commenced in a short time, and when the manufactory is completed it is thought that as many as three hundred and fifty hands will be given employment. The company will manufacture dynamos, electrical instruments and appliances of all the various designs applying to electricity.

1741. The following compose the new Board of Excise: President, Andrew J. Bartlett, Vice-president Edward J. Lewis; Sec. and Treas. John W. Lasher. [no date]

1742. Tom Paine [hand dated 1894] – How Ingersoll Discourses on the Noted Infidel.

He Declares Paine Did More Than Any Other Man to Establish our Republic – Paine's Monument.

The free thinkers of New York and Brooklyn in the number of 1,000 attended the unveiling of the monument to Thomas Paine, the famous infidel, near New Rochelle, Westchester county, N. Y. on Decoration day. The spot is the place where Paine's body lay for many years before it was stolen and its resting place is now a mystery. Col. Bob Ingersoll was the orator of the occasion. He said:

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"More than 100 years ago Thomas Paine came to our shores. He was an English-man and while I remember the history of that land, the brutalities and savagery of that people; while I remember their crowned idiots and their robed hypocrites; while I remember all that is bad and all that is great and glorious, I say here to-day that better blood than the English blood never coursed in human veins. The first article Paine wrote for the Pennsylvania Magazine was one against negro slavery. He wrote against dueling. He wrote about the rights of women, on marriage and divorce; he wrote on international arbitration, and on the treatment of criminals in prison. He did more to establish this republic than any other man that ever stood on the soil of the continent. He was the first man to write the words, 'The United States of America.' He was the first to suggest a constitution, a greater bond of humanity than the old articles of confederation. His life until he came here

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He was without education, so called, but he was a thinker and a greater power than all the pulpits combined in the direction of right. In France, when the question of the execution of King Louis came up, he said, "Kill the monarch, but not the man; and was imprisoned for it.

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and is it not wonderful that such a divinity needs doctors – there has never been one great enough, ingenious enough, educated enough, to answer the arguments of Thomas Paine as found in his work, The Age of Reason. The priests began to attack him and they are at it now. Every pulpit has been a mint in which slanders and calumnies have been coined against the greatest of American patriots. Will it ever cease? I do not know. Sometimes I think the truth is the weakest thing in the world. Sometimes I think that a lie is the healthiest thing that is ever born into the world. No matter how old it is, it appears without a wrinkle, with ears undulled and with eyes undimmed, fresh as a drop of dew in the heart of a rose.

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about Paine's last sickness until they got blue in the face. They say he died regretting that he ever denied or wrote against the existence of a Supreme Being. He never did any such thing. While his faculties remained he was true to the teachings that inspired him in the days of his pride and power. But the clergy are given so much to misrepresentation that they cannot discern the difference between the truth and falsehood. Sometimes I get a little sorry for the preachers. I have lived to see

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put on every orthodox brain. I have lived to see the time when the real thinkers, the philosophers, the men of thought, are on the other side, and so I tell you to-day that in the great battle between government by the people and government by God through kings we have passed midnight. The tendency of the world to-day is towards representative government. It is towards absolute intellectual liberty, towards intellection hospitality, towards allowing every human being to make the best guess he can on a subject he knows nothing about. In the great battle between living for this world and some other

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and we are living now for this world. We want houses and good food and good clothes, we want books, we want pictures, we want music, with its thrilling voice. We want everything there is of joy and gladness beneath the sky, and when we come to another world, if we ever do, we'll attend to that. We are believers in the home here, in the family here, and we think more of our families than we do of all the so-called spiritual rulers you can cram into infinite space, and the man who did as much as any other to help on the human race along this great highway of intellectual and physical progress is the man we honor to-day. He was one of the greatest soldiers in the army of human progress, and his reputation is now increasing every day, and in a few years when the American people meet on the fourth day of July to pay honors to the memory of the great, and when they speak of Washington and Jefferson and Franklin they will also speak of Thomas Paine, and the time will come when in our temple of liberty, the highest niche will be occupied by the author-hero of the Revolution."

1743. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Oct. 22, 1894. – OUR COMMON COUNCIL – The Usual Amount of Public Business Transacted.

The Board of Village Directors held a regular meeting, Saturday evening, Oct. 20th. Those present were Directors Cantine, Simmons and Cornwell. President Cunyes presided.

The following bills were ordered paid after Nov. 7th.

P. Corcoran, men and teams,	\$12.98
Sheffield Mfg. Co., order books,	11.40

The Street Commissioner presented a bill for The Barclay Fibre Co. for crushed stone, amount \$9.65, which the clerk was instructed to collect.

An oil lamp was ordered placed on Elm street at the head of Dawes' Place.

Chief Engineer Lynk reported that Empire Engine needed a new suction and two new nozzles and Washington H. & L. Co. have asked for a gong to be placed on their truck.

The chief was instructed to get the necessary supplies.

On motion of Mr. Cantine Empire Engine was turned over to the Exempt Firemen's Association, they to have entire charge and care of it.

The Chief engineer was instructed to order out the entire fire department for inspection and test before Nov. 1st.

The street commissioner was directed to do the following work:

To repair the gutter and crossing on east side of East Bridge street at Mill street.

To remove rubbish on Underwood street.

To open gutter on Mill street.

To remove rock from roadway on Dock street.

Residents on West side of Partition street from Montgomery to McCarthy streets were ordered to relay sidewalks.

The clerk was instructed to distribute order books to the Health Board and the street commissioner.

The executors of the estate of Josiah Myer were ordered to set curb and gutter and place a bridge to the entrance to the cemetery on Livingston street within 30 days.

On motion the Board adjourned.

1744. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. May 14, 1894.

At a meeting of the Sheffield Manufacturing Co. held last Saturday, it was agreed upon that a quit claim deed from the said company will be given to the trustees of J. B. Sheffield & Son on the day of sale, June 1st. Also on that day the trustees of J. B. Sheffield & Son will give to the Sheffield Manufacturing Co. a bill of sale covering all property owned and claimed by them. The company will lease from the trustees of J. B. Sheffield & Son the envelope and blank book factories for a term of two years from August 1st, 1894, for the purpose of disposing of the large amount of goods on hand, and should the business prove prosperous, will continue running it. A company will be formed to take the paper mills, make needed repairs and put them into operation. Should we in addition, secure the manufacture of government envelopes, the contract for which has been awarded Mr. Purcell, of Hudson, Saugerties will again come into touch with its once proud position as a manufacturing centre.

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1745. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. May 7, 1894. – OUR COMMON COUNCIL. – The Usual Amount of Public Business Transacted.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Saturday evening. All the members were present and President Cunyes presided.

The finance committee reported favorable on the bill of S. W. Merclean, for registering vital statistics, amount \$7, ad on motion the same was ordered paid.

The committee to place street lamps on the South side, reported that the lamps were in position and burning.

Mr. John H. Hardenberg, of the Exempt Fireman's Association, appeared for that organization, and stated that the Association wished to form themselves into a fire patrol, for the purpose of saving and guarding property at fires, and asked the Board to take action and grant the necessary authority upon the members of the association.

Later, the petition, as presented by Mr. Hardenberg, was on motion referred to the counsel for advice as to the proper manner to proceed.

The bill of John Maxwell, for care of street lamps for the month of April, amount \$42.50, was on motion ordered paid, when there are funds for that purpose.

The bill of Chas. E. Abeel, for subpoenaing witnesses in the water works case, amount \$3.00 was referred to the finance committee.

The ordinances in references to the grade of Partition street was read, and on motion adopted and ordered published in accordance to the provisions of the charter.

All ordinances in reference to the grade of Partition street heretofore passed were rescinded.

On motion, the action taken at a former meeting in reference to theatre license was rescinded.

On motion of Mr. Quick, the theatre license be made \$25 per year, payable in advance was amended by Mr. Simmons, that it be \$30 per year in advance. The amendment was carried. This ordinance was also ordered published.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Cantine and Cornwell were appointed with power to put the drain from Clermont to Montgomery streets in good order.

On motion the Water Company was ordered to stop leak in water main on East Bridge street at once.

On motion of Mr. Simmons all books, maps and papers belonging to the village were ordered kept in the province of the Board and that they not be taken from the room without a permit from the President and a receipt given for the same.

On motion the clerk was ordered to notify the property owners on Main street east of Washington avenue (who have not already done so) to reset curb and gutter to conform with the grade furnished last year within 30 days of the same would be done at their expense by the village.

John W. Davis, The German Lutheran Church, Mrs. L. Yerger, Peter Burhans, Adam Knaus and Egbert Whitaker were ordered to set curb and gutter in front of their property on Ulster avenue within 30 days of the same will be done by the village at their expense.

Director Quick stated that it was proposed to have a great parade here on Decoration Day; that Tappen Post, G. A. R., the fire department and other organizations will be in line, and that the executive committee asks the village to give them some financial support.

After discussion the sum of \$50 was voted the fire department for their Decoration Day parade, to be paid from the license fund.

On motion a committee of Messrs. Cantine, Wygant and the President were appointed to meet with counsel to advertise the sale of bonds offered to be sold.

On motion the Board adjourned.

1746. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. May 31, 1894. — MEMORIAL DAY IN SAUGERTIES. — The Parade A Grand Spectacle. — The Grand Army Men Decorate the Graves of Fallen Comrades With Flowers.

Memorial Day was observed in this village in a befitting manner and the day was more generally observed than for a period of seventy years.

The weather in the morning was threatening, and many feared a rainstorm which happily was averted and the parade and ceremonies were carried out according to the program previously arranged.

Goeller's Band of Rondout, arrived on the West Shore 7:29 A. M. train and were met at the depot by Capt. Ira Swart, of Tappen Post, No. 215, G. A. R., and a representative of each of the village fire companies, who escorted them to their quarters at the Phoenix Hotel. The Catskill Drum Corps arrived

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with the 11:24 A. M. train and were met in a similar manner and escorted to their quarters at the Central Hotel.

Nearly all business places closed at noon for the remainder of the day, and about 1:30 P. M. the procession assembled on Market street, right resting on Ulster avenue in the following order:

P. S. Wickham, Marshall. The chief and assistant engineers of the fire department, Goeller's Band of Rondout, Washington Hook & Ladder Co., Laflin Hose Co., Snyder Hose Co., Lasher Gun Squad, Catskill Drum Corps, Saugerties Exempt Fireman's Association, the Women's Relief Corps and J. R. Tappen Post, No. 215, G. A. R.

At a given signal from the marshal the procession wheeled into Ulster Avenue and proceeded through Elizabeth street to Livingston street where it passed through the cemetery into Main street and thence to St. Mary's cemetery where the procession waited until the veterans decorated the war hero's graves. The graves in the Main street cemetery had been decorated during the forenoon by a detail from the G. A. R.

From St. Mary's cemetery the procession proceeded to Trinity cemetery where the graves were decorated in a similar manner, after which the march was resumed to Main street where the procession was dismissed.

After the parade was dismissed Col. Laflin treated the bystanders to an exhibition drill by Laflin Hose Co., which brought forth much applause from the spectators lining the sidewalks.

Many buildings were handsomely decorated with bunting and the National colors floated everywhere in honor of the day.

Altogether it was the most imposing demonstration of the kind witnessed in Saugerties in many years and will long be remembered by our citizens and the hundreds from the surrounding country who came to town to see it.

1747. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Aug. 9, 1894. — UNION FREE SCHOOL — Official Report of the Annual Meeting Held Aug. 7th at the Livingston Street School House.

At the Annual Meeting of Union Free School, Dist. No. 10, held at the Livingston street school house Tuesday evening, August 7th, Benj. M. Coon was chosen clerk, pro tem., and Ovid T. Simmons was, on motion, elected chairman of the meeting.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read.

Charles Clum, on behalf of the Board of Education, then presented the budget for the coming year for school purposes, as follows:

For teachers' salaries,	\$6,275.00
" rent of Saugerties Institute,	100.00
For rent of room for Board,	50.00
" fuel,	500.00
" supplies,	120.00
" printing,	100.00
" Library and apparatus,	125.00
" clerk's salary,	50.00
" making tax roll,	15.00
" taking census,	10.00
" repairs to school houses and sites,	225.00
For janitors,	400.00
" cleaning school houses,	30.00
" incidentals,	300.00
" Free Public Library,	<u>300.00</u>
	\$8,600.00

E. J. Lewis moved that the budget as read be adopted and the amount required to be raised, which was seconded, and after some discussion by Charles Davis, D. E. Abeel and L. B. Adams was unanimously adopted.

Charles Clum offered the following which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in the future, elections of members of the Board of Education and district clerk be held on the Wednesday next following the day designated by law for holding the annual school meeting.

Peter Canner offered the following which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That hereafter the Board of Education publish the budget of contemplated expenses for the coming year at least one week prior to the annual school meeting.

Charles Davis made some complimentary remarks in regard to the improvement shown in the school system and moved that the thanks of the inhabitants of the district be extended to Prof. F. N. Moulton for the faithful able and efficient manner in which he had managed the schools during the past year, and in bringing them up to so high a standard.

E. L. Quick moved that a vote of thanks also be extended to the Board of Education for the time spent and interest manifested in having a superior school system.

B. M. Coon moved that to the teachers also, be extended a vote of thanks for the faithful manner in which they had discharged their duties.

The above motions were unanimously adopted.

O. T. Simmons presented the names of Messrs. Peter Canner, John C. Davis and Alfred P. Lasher as candidates for re-election as members of the Board of Education. On motion of Peter Cantine, the nominations were unanimously adopted.

On motion of Theo. B. Cornwell, Homer Russell was nominated to the office of district clerk, which motion as unanimously adopted and all of the above were recommended to the voters, for their support at the election to be held August 8th, 1894.

On motion meeting adjourned. Benj. M. Coon, Clerk pro tem.

1748. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. July 5, 1894. – THE FOURTH IN SAUGERTIES. – The Night Before. - "Boots" Van Steenberg Makes an Oration – Other News.

The night before the advent of the "ever glorious" was made hideous on Main street by an aggregation of those who should have known better who kept us a fusillade of firecrackers and other nerve shattering devises to rob people of sleep until daylight. The orgies appeared to be under the direction of a certain master spirit from Tivoli whom the police failed to lock up.

In the early morning, the renowned orator "Boots" Van Steenberg, made patriotic addresses from several stand points, and to show there was method in his madness, failed not "to take up a collection on the Union." "Boots" was in his glory.

In the afternoon an alarm of fire was sounded which the fire department quickly responded to. The flames were discovered in the laundry of Charlie Jim at No. 240 Main street, which had been caused by a quantity of fireworks taking fire in an unaccountable manner in the front door of the establishment. Fortunately a garden hose and pails of water succeeded in quenching what might have been a serious conflagration. Charlie Jim places his loss at about \$30 on which there is no insurance. He says none of his laundry stock was injured.

The Union Free School team crossed the river to Tivoli after dinner where they were beaten in a game of ball by the Madalin school team by a score of 11 to 9. It is said the Union School boys received shameful treatment.

On the 1:55 ferry boat trip to Tivoli, a revolver in the hands of Andrew Lutz accidentally exploded and the bullet entered the foot of a boy named Edward Peters. The wound is not considered dangerous.

A picnic for the benefit of St. Mary's Church was held in St. Mary's New Hall on Cedar street which was largely attended and liberally patronized. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the church.

The evening was unusually quiet, only here and there a few exhibits of fireworks being made by private individuals.

The National colors floated from many flagstuffs during the day and the town presented a holiday appearance.

1749. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Aug. 24, 1894.

Miss Katie Hassenger, an employe [*sic*] of Tompkins' New York Store was severely bitten by a dog while performing her duties in that establishment on Thursday. The dog is supposed to have followed some one in the store and bit Miss Hassinger without any apparent cause. [both spellings of surname.]

1750. Post. Aug. 28, 1905. [hand dated] - A Great Improvement.

Ernest Hassinger has made a great improvement to his cigar store, covering the floor with linoleum.

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1751. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. June 19, 1894. – Laflin Hose No. 2.

Saugerties was in a blaze of glory Monday evening welcoming home Laflin Hose No. 2 who had left on an early train in the morning for the city of Poughkeepsie to attend the 50th anniversary of Phoenix Hose Co. No. 1, of that city. Our boys were quartered at Smith Bros. restaurant and were well cared for. The parade, ordered for 10 o'clock, was not started on time, but at 11 o'clock the whole line was in motion. The Laflins were in the first division and, we simply copy from city papers, were the observed of all observers and attracted more attention and more applause than any company in the line of march. The parade was a very short one and at 1 o'clock ended. In the afternoon, by the kindness of some of our citizens, brother firemen, Laflin Hose Co. were taken to the fair grounds in a large carryall carrying twenty each, saving the boys a long, hot, weary march. After the hose races and bicycle [*sic*] races came the prize drill for \$50 for the best drilled company. There were other companies besides the Laflins to compete. One from Troy, N. Y., who, after seeing the drill of the Laflin Hose Co., said we have no business with them. It was very nearly 5 P. M. when our boys were called out, and they were soon at work giving a very nice drill; the grand stand being filled to overflowing with ladies and gentlemen. The prize drill judges were Capt. Haubennestel, Capt. Warring and Capt. Gilmore, U. S. A. Our boys were certainly very kindly dealt with, as firemen are not military men and army officers are quite severe, but the points secured were very good, 98 out of a possible 100, and the prize of \$50 was awarded to Laflin Hose Company.

They returned in good shape Monday evening, and our citizens have every reason to feel proud of their Fire Department. We have the finest three companies along the river, if not in the State, and the many manifestations of our citizens as the Laflins were escorted by Snyder Hose Co. and the Hook & Ladder Co., to their quarters amidst a blaze of red fire and a hearty applause from everyone, showed their appreciation.

1752. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Oct. 23, 1894.

Edward Payson Weston, the famous pedestrian, who is attempting the feat of walking 500 miles in twelve days from Newburgh to Syracuse and return to Newburgh on a wager of \$1,000, arrived in this village this morning at 7:22 o'clock having left the Eagle Hotel, Kingston at 4 A. M., which place he reached a little after 10 o'clock Monday night, having left Newburgh at 1 o'clock that afternoon. He is accompanied by Gustavus Myers, representing the New York *World*, and James Lockett, who represents the New York *Tribune*, who travel with a horse and buggy to see that he uses no other means of locomotion save those nature has given him. After a short rest and breakfast at the Palmer House, Mr. Weston delivered a short speech in front of the hotel, which oftentimes was heartily applauded, and shaking hands with many of his admirers, at 9: 25 started on his way expecting to reach Coxsackie to-

night at 7 o'clock. If he succeeds in winning the wager, his is scheduled to arrive at Newburgh on Nov. 3d, at 8 P. M.

1753. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. June 25, 1894. Monday evening. OUR COMMON COUNCIL. – The Usual Amount of Public Business Transacted.

The village board of directors held an adjourned meeting Saturday evening, June 23d.

All the directors were present and the president, Mr. Cunyes presided.

The bids for the sprinkling of Ulster avenue from the West Shore Railroad to the German Lutheran church were opened and were as follows: Nelson Myer offered to do the work and furnish the water from July 1st to Nov. 15th for \$12 per week.

Wm. Doyle agreed to keep the street properly wet and keep the gutters clean this year for four and one months, and every other year for six months per year for \$2.50 per day, and for each additional day over contract at \$2.50 per day.

Hon. Wm. F. Russell was present in behalf of many taxpayers, who oppose sprinkling this street and spoke at length in regard to the matter, and after considerable discussion by the Board, it was decided to lay the matter over until the meeting next Saturday evening.

The president and street commissioner were empowered to sprinkle the street in the meantime if they deem it necessary.

The committee appointed to investigate as to the curb and guttering a portion of Ulster avenue in front of the property of John W. Davis, rendered the following report.

To the Board of Directors:

Your committee appointed to investigated the matter of the curbing and guttering of Ulster avenue respectfully report: That after considerable search your committee has been able to find all the papers connected with the proceedings taken to widen and straighten Ulster avenue, and the same are herewith presented to the Board of Directors, and your committee recommends that the same be kept filed with the clerk of the village.

Your committee also report that an investigation of said papers disclosed among others the following facts: That John M. Genthner made a claim of \$3,360 for all damages, and John W. Davis made a claim of \$835 for all damages, and each of said persons made the following propositions, namely: That if they were not compelled to build a sidewalk or curb and gutter, and no part of the damages should be assessed upon their land, and they could remove their buildings, fences and tress from the land taken, that they would make no claim for land damages, and would only charge for removing fences, trees, building and damages for closing up a well, and amounting as follows:

By John M. Genthner, \$835.50

By John W. Davis, 160.75

The commissioners Mr. Robert A. Snyder, Mr. James H. Van Keuren and Mr. John W. Shults awarded to Mr. Genthner \$800 and to Mr. Davis \$160.75, and in regard to the curbing and guttering of Ulster avenue to commissioners reported as follows: "We do further report find and recommended that inasmuch as the proposed widening and straightening of said road or street will be an improvement that will benefit the whole village; that all the expense not only of making of the road, but the expense of making of sidewalks and of curbing and guttering, if done, should be included in the expense of improving and making of this new street, as most of the lands on both sides of the said new road or street where it is proposed to be widened and straightened is at present farming land and the village not having as yet grown in that direction it would be a hardship to compel the owners of the lands to curb and gutter at present and without doing so the improvement could not be made in a substantial manner, and the awards to the various persons herein above made, are made and based upon the consideration, the curbing and guttering if done, along their said premises should be included in the expense of making or improving said road or street."

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The report was signed by all the commissioners and dated Nov. 12th, 1887, the report and award was unanimously ratified and confirmed by the board of directors.

All of which is respectfully submitted. Norman Cunyes, Committee.

Assessors Snyder and Van Natten returned the vouchers paid them by the clerk and refused to accept the amount allowed them by the Board for their services as assessors. After discussion the bills were allowed as presented at \$42 each.

Samuel Truesdale complained to the Board in regard to the sewer on West Bridge street, flooding his property on that street.

On motion, all permissions granted to private individuals for connections to this sewer were rescinded at this date.

Mr. Cornwell moved that the action of the Board in placing the amount of wages for village work at \$1.25 per day, be rescinded and moved that from July 1st, the men be paid \$1.50 per day which was carried.

The following bills were ordered paid from the health fund:

Dr. Dawes, for vaccinations, \$40.00

Dr. Kemble, reporting deaths
and births, 14.00

Alex. Lackey, sanitary inspector, 11.00

From the road fund:

Daniel Lamb, hardware, \$89.53

Wm. P. Freligh, labor, 2.76

From the general fund:

Anthony Brown, returned dog tax, 2.50

Chas. Capen, engineer, 20.00

Chas. Montross, engineer, 20.00

From the bond account:

Peter Cantine, \$302.00

Chas. Davis, 249.69

B. M. Coon, 112.00

For services in the Gorden and Freligh law suits:

O. T. Simmons, services on taxpayers'
committee, 15.00

The committee on by-laws and ordinances reported progress.

The president was directed to purchase screens for the windows and doors of the directors' room.

On motion the board adjourned.

1754. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Jan. 11, 1895.

Ernest Hassinger is the possessor of a copy of complimentary resolutions passed by Washington Engine Co. No. 3, of Hudson, on the occasion of their first visit to Saugerties in the year 1868. The resolutions are profuse in thanks to Rough & Ready Engine Co. No. 1, Colonel H. D. Laflin, the then chief of the Saugerties fire department, and others for courtesies extended the company on the occasion. The copy has been neatly framed and can be seen for a few days in the show window of Messrs. Belch & Keenan.

1755. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. April 30, 1894.

The funeral of Alfred Teetsel, an ex-chief of the Saugerties fire department, took place from the residence of Ezra Carnright Sunday afternoon and was attended by the Saugerties fire department and a large concourse of people. The funeral procession formed at Fireman's Hall shortly after one o'clock in the following order: Chief and assistant engineers; drum corps; Laflin Hose Co.; Washington Hook & Ladder Co.; The Exempts; Snyder Hose Co. The procession marched to the residence of Mr. Carnright

and from thence escorted the remains to the Main street cemetery. Rev. Oscar Haviland officiated at the services. The bearers were as follows, all exempt firemen: Dr. M. H. Wygant, J. T. A. Jewell, Ira Lewis, Samuel J. Adams, George Seaman, Edgar Blackwell, Jeremiah Finger, Mitchell Dawes. The floral display was very noticeable, set pieces being contributed, by Snyder Hose Co., of which the deceased was an honorary member, Mr. and Mrs. Ballard, of San Francisco, Cal., The Fiske Brothers, of New York city, and others. A detail of eight members from the Exempts took charge of them, and marching on each side of the hearse, carried them to the cemetery. Following was the detail: Charles L. Maines, Carroll Whitaker, H. D. Van Leuven, Edward Jernegan, Joseph W. Reinhard, Jeremiah P. Russell, Egbert Cooper and John H. Hardenberg. After the interment, the procession returned to Fireman's Hall, and was dismissed.

1756. The funeral of Cornelius E. Quick took place from the residence on Elm street Saturday afternoon and, notwithstanding the frequent showers, was largely attended, by the Free Masons, the Odd Fellows [*sic*] and many personal friends and relatives. Rev. Oscar Haviland officiated and the interment was in the Main street cemetery where the impressive burial ceremony of the secret orders were carried out according to the ritual. [no date or newspaper name]

1757. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Oct. 4, 1894.

The Saugerties firemen had an enjoyable time at the Tri-County Tournament at Hudson. The only thing that occurred to mar their festivities was the steamer Saugerties leaving Snyder Hose Co.'s parade carriage and fifty or sixty excursionists standing on the dock, who were compelled to return home with the steamer Walter Brett or by train.

Cortland Hook & Ladder Co., of Peekskill, won first prize \$75 at the Hudson tournament for being the finest appearing company in line. This is the same company which took first prize here last year. The Saugerties Exempts won first prize for being the finest appearing organization of exempt firemen. The prize was a keg of Burton ale, contributed by Granger & Gregg.

1758. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. July 24, 1894.

There is a female school of scandal on Partition street which holds daily sessions. To say that nine-tenths of the residents of this village have not had a "raking over," is but a low estimate. The charter members are composed of the worst scandal mongrels in town.

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1759. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Oct. 5, 1894. – Results of Contests at Hudson Oct. 3d.

After the firemen's parade was over at Hudson, Wednesday, which was about 3 o'clock, the prize contests were held. The events were a Tri-county drill, open to all companies in the Tri-county association, a Tri-county hose contest, and a Tri-county engine contest.

There were two competitor [*sic*] for the special prize drill, Rescue Hook and Ladder Company of Athens, and Laflin Hose Company of Saugerties. When time was called the Rescues were the only ones to show up and they went through military manoeuvres in fine shape. The prize was awarded to them. Later on Laflin Hose gave a special drill of the own, which was highly creditable.

The open hose race had five entries. They were the Lafayettes of Valatie, the Osbornes of Catskill, the Unions of Schenectady, the Derrstynes of Bath and the Watts of Sandy Hill. The first named company was declared the winner of the hose race.

The hand engine contest had but two competitors, the J. J. Grays of Cambridge, and the Makawomucs of Athens. The Grays won the prize, throwing a stream 194 feet, while the Makawomucs could only reach 162 1-2 feet.

The Cortlandt Hook and Ladder Company of Peekskill, was awarded the prize that went to the finest appearing company in the parade, and also the prize for having the largest number of men in uniform.

Liberty Hook and Ladder Company of Bath Beach, was awarded the prize of \$25 for the company coming the longest distance.

1760. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Sept. 5, 1894.

The community was shocked Tuesday evening between 5 and 6 o'clock to learn that the Hon. Thomas Maxwell had fallen dead at his residence. He had returned home from Glasco, and was making preparations to go out riding with his wife to a farmer's near this village, when he fell to the floor and expired. Mr. Maxwell was born in Hunter, Greene county, April 19th 1832, of Irish parents, Thomas and Elizabeth Maxwell. When only 4 years of age, his parents moved to Quarryville. When old enough to work he was put at regular employment on his father's farm and in his bluestone quarries. Shortly after attaining his majority he married Anna, daughter of the late Daniel D. T. Hommel, who with five children survive him, viz: Frederick, David W., Mrs. Rudger D. Suderley, Mrs. William Jackson and Miss Mabel. In 1866 Mr. Maxwell removed to this village where he has resided ever since. He was buyer and shipper of bluestone for his brother, the late Hon. John Maxwell, and the Bigelow Bluestone Co. He was an ardent Republican all his life and at the same time one of the most popular men who ever lived in Saugerties. He was elected Town Clerk once, Supervisor twice, 1871-1874 and in 1886, his popularity was so great that upon being nominated for Member of Assembly, his political opponents made no nomination against him. For nine years he held the appointment of post master and gave eminent satisfaction in the discharge of his duties. His funeral will take place on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence, and will be under the auspices of Ulster Lodge, No. 193, F. & A. M.

1761. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Oct. 3, 1894.

This morning the village streets presented an animated appearance when the firemen marched to the steamboat wharf to accompany Snyder Hose Co.'s excursion to the Tri-County parade and tournament at Hudson. Snyder Hose Co. turned out forty-three men and were headed by the Red Hook Brass Band. Washington Hook & Ladder Co. had thirty-eight men and the Quarryville Brass Band. Laflin Hose Co. had forty-one men and the Poughkeepsie fife and drum corps. The Exempts had thirty-two men and took with them the hand engine, "Empire." When the steamer Saugerties left her wharf about 8:30 o'clock, she had possibly one thousand persons on board with landings to make at Tivoli and Malden which places swelled the number to about fifteen hundred.

1762. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Aug. 9, 1894.

At the annual school election of Union Free School District, No. 10, Peter Canner, John C. Davis and Alfred P. Lasher were elected Members of the Board of Education, and Homer Russell clerk. 52 votes were cast. There was no opposition to the above ticket.

1763. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Nov. 12, 1894. – Murder at Tivoli – Charles Baker Shoots His Wife Through the Heart – Arrested and Lodged in Jail.

One of the most shocking, cold-blooded murders in the history of this country occurred at Tivoli, Wednesday, November 7, 1894.

Charles Baker, a man of very intemperate habits, shot his wife through the heart, killing her instantly. Baker was employed by Mr. G. Redmond of that village, and had charge of his residence. Baker has lived there with his wife and four children some time, but it was not known that any difficulty existed between them. He was queer at times and when intoxicated acted very strangely, but it was never thought he was equal to such a frightful crime as he committed Wednesday. At about half past three in the afternoon he went home and told his wife he was going to New York for two or three days. He had been drinking heavily, and his wife tried to dissuade him and got him to go to bed.

She told him she was afraid to stay in the house alone and begged him not to go to New York, but the brute seized the terrified woman and began to kick and choke her. There was a woman, a friend of Mrs. Baker, who was present at the time, she interfered and pasified [*sic*] Baker. A short time later she went

away, and left Mrs. Baker with her husband. She was frightened at her husband's actions and proceeded to dress herself to leave the house saying she would go down to Mr. Louis Livingston's to tell him of her fear to stay alone.

Baker loaded a gun that was in the house; Mrs. Baker seeing him with the gun in his hands; and partly dressed she ran from the house and attempted to escape. He followed her and as the terrified woman turned the corner of the house, and finding she could not escape she begged her husband to spare her life. "Don't shoot me Charlie," she pleaded. "Think of the Children; for God's sake, Charlie don't kill me – don't I beg of you."

The wretch paid no heed to her pleadings, but sent a bullet through her heart. She only had time to look into his face and try to speak, but death came almost immediately.

It was a short time before the news of the fearful tragedy had spread through the usually quiet little village. Everybody went to the scene of the murder and a thorough search was made for the villain, who had committed the crime, but he could not be found. The scene at the home was heart-rending. His family consisted of himself and wife and four children, the oldest of which is eight years old. The couple apparently lived a happy life and were never known to quarrel. After committing the deed, Baker ran to the woods and when he had realized what he had done he dashed his gun against a stone breaking it to pieces. During the rest of the day he was in hiding in the woods, but some time during the evening he returned to the house, and crawling into the cellar through a window remained there until morning.

When morning came he was perfectly sober, and when he went up stairs he went into the room where his wife lay in charge of officer Carey. As he saw her he exclaimed, "My God! Is she dead?" Then he threw himself on the floor and burst into tears. The officer then placed him under arrest and took him to his (Carey's) house, where he gave Baker his dinner. The citizens not being satisfied with Baker in the officer's care, he was put in the Madalin lock up.

Baker was brought to the jail at Poughkeepsie Thursday afternoon. When seen in jail by a reporter Baker seemed hardly to realize his position. He came to the large iron door when called. He had a heavy double breasted blue coat on, and striped trousers. When spoken to he seemed as though he was dreaming, as he would look steadily at the whitewashed walls and would seldom answer. Since he has been placed in jail he seldom leaves his cell unless requested to by his counsel or the officers of the jail.

Joseph Morsehauser and Samuel H. Brown have been engaged by Baker as his counsel, and he will appear before the next grand jury.

Mrs. Baker's funeral was held Sunday. Her brother took charge of the remains and conveyed them to Long Island City for burial. He will also take charge of the children.

1764. Second Degree –

Becker, the Tivoli wife murderer, has been found guilty of murder in the second degree. That means a life sentence. [no date or newspaper named]

1765. Officers 1893-4.

President, Henry A. Ohley, Saugerties; Vice-Presidents, W. D. Brinnier, Kingston; Ernest Hassinger, Saugerties; Ernest Wolfe, Athens; Edward Mackey, Coxsackie; H. P. Dakin, Hudson; C. H. Bronk, Hudson. Secretary, Harry M. C. Vedder, Catskill; Treasurer, George Wachmeyer, Rondout; Executive Committee, George H. Scott, Coxsackie; E. J. Lewis, Saugerties; Joseph Kline, Kingston; William C. Brady, Athens; William H. Hawver, Hudson; George B. Parker, Hudson. Auditing Committee, Ralph B. Parker, Catskill; John H. Bruck, Rondout; Edwin H. Davis, Hudson. Delegate to State Firemen's Association, Thomas B. Belch, Saugerties.

1766. From Alabama to California in the 49er way. – From the Nashville Examiner.
Huntsville, Ala., Aug. 31. - W. T. Hassinger and Clarence Hassinger left yesterday for California in a two horse wagon, and expect to take two years to make the trip. The two men built their own wagon and provided it with the comforts of a Pullman car. They will make the trip in a leisurely manner and stop at several cities to view the sights.

1767. The Kingston Leader, Kingston, NY. Saturday, Dec. 8. The Colonial in Operation – The First Car Run on the Lower Section Yesterday Afternoon. [no year date]

The first car was run over the Colonial City Electric Railway yesterday afternoon for the convenience of the public. It was car No. 14 and was in charge of C. A. Woolsey, inspector of the General Electric Company, of Syracuse. The car reached Rondout about 1 o'clock. The news that the car had left the house soon reached Rondout and all along the route the sidewalks were lined with people who were anxious to see the new road in operation.

When the car passed through The Strand the walks on both sides of that thoroughfare were crowded with anxious spectators. It took seven minutes to make the trip from the car house to the end of the route. On the return trip one of the journals got hot going up Hasbrouck avenue and this caused some delay before the car came down again. When it did it ran from the Rhinebeck ferry to the power house. Many persons rode over the line and were well pleased with the way it ran. Between 5 and 8 o'clock 350 passengers were carried. It works as smooth as can be expected for a new track and new cars.

Chester B. Rowe acted as conductor of the car. The car was run up till 12 o'clock. At the power house everything is in good working order and first class condition. The chief engineer is Frank Brown and Theodore Boice has charge of the generator. The fireman is Herbert Cramer.

This morning a car will leave Ponckhockie at 6:30 to accommodate the workingmen and others and will run as far as the car house on Smith avenue. As soon as the other cars are wired one will be put on the other side of the West Shore and the road will be run in sections.

1768. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Jan. 3, 1895. – Installation of Officers.

The following elected and appointed officers of Ulster Lodge, No. 193 F. & A. M. were installed by P. M., W. E. Van Buskirk, on Wednesday evening: William Ziegler, Master; James O. Carnright, S. W.; William V. Burhans, J. W.; Homer Russell, Sec.; J. P. Russell, Treas.; Rev. Oscar Haviland, Chaplain; J. Edwin Hayes, S. D.; Henry A. Ohley, J. D.; Alfred P. Lasher, S. M. of C.; Fred N. Moulton, J. M. of C.; Edward J. Lewis and Irwin Ronk, Stewards; Fred T. Russell, Organist; H. D. Laflin, Marshall; John K. Robinson, Tyler.

The Lodge has bright prospects for the coming year, and at the next communication the First Degree will be conferred. A large attendance is expected.

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1769. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Nov. 1, 1894. – Matrimonial. – Two Weddings at Saugerties, on Wednesday Oct 31st. [information was saved on one wedding only]

Notwithstanding a pitiless rainstorm, the Reformed Church was crowded to its utmost with village people and noted guests from New York city, Brooklyn, Washington, Philadelphia, Albany and Kingston, who had gathered to witness the marriage of Miss Helen Adams Searing, daughter of the late Seaman G. Searing, and Mr. Dederick Gross Gale, Jr., of Orange, N. J.

The church presented a very pretty scene, being elaborately decorated, the entire pulpit being banked with palms, the organ pipes trimmed with simlax, the beautiful center circle gas chandelier hung with laurel, the pillars were twined with simlax and ground moss and the railings in the vestibule twined with cannas and ground moss, while on every third pew a bunch of white chrysanthemums and ferns were twined.

The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Denis Wortman, D. D., who wore a handsome gown and used the Episcopal wedding service. Miss Searing, the bride, looked charming, being elegantly gowned in white

satin richly trimmed with real Dutchess lace, which was worn by the bride's mother on her wedding day. She also wore a veil draped with pearl pins. The bride was escorted to the altar by her brother John W. Searing who gave her away. The bride's mother wore a beautiful pearl colored bengaline silk gown with an exquisite lace trimming.

Miss Jeannette Corso, who wore a handsome gown of lavender satin, was the maid of honor and Elmer Eastmead of Poughkeepsie the best man. There were four bridesmaids, being Miss Kissam of East Orange, N. J., the Misses Portlington of Brooklyn, nieces of the late General Lee, and Miss Manning of Albany, daughter of the late Secretary of the Treasury Daniel Manning. They were all gowned in white organdie with lavender trimming.

The ushers were Mr. Manning of Albany; Harry Shradly of New York, Joseph Kissam of East Orange, N. J., Richard Stutts, Joseph B. Sheffield and George H. Morgan. The organist was Mr. Oliver of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Albany, who played during the services Mendelssohn's wedding march and that from Lohengrin.

Mr. Gale, the groom, is engaged in banking businesses in New York city and is a fine looking gentleman, a brilliant conversationalist, who has won many friends by his gentlemanly and courteous manners. The ceremony at the church was followed by a reception at 12:30 o'clock at the bride's beautiful home on the banks of the Esopus creek on Bridge street, where the happy couple received while standing under a bell of autumn leaves, the congratulations from about 300 friends. The entire house was artistically decorated with white chrysanthemums and simlax by M. J. Barry, the florist.

An elaborate collation was elegantly served after the reception. The display of present was very magnificent, the gifts including scores of article in gold and silver.

Among others at the wedding and reception were Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gould, Dr. George F. Shradly, wife, Harry and Charles Shradly of New York and Judge Alton B. Parker of Kingston.

1770. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Nov. 19, 1894. — OUR COMMON COUNCIL — The Usual Amount of Public Business Transacted.

The village Board of Directors held a regular meeting Saturday evening Nov. 17th.

All the Directors were present and the president, Mr. Cunyes presided.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Henry Lynk was ordered to fill in the sidewalk in front of her lot on Elm street at once.

An oil lamp was ordered placed on Elm street near Ulster avenue.

Herbert Jerrel was ordered to set curb and gutter on Elm street at once.

Miss Edith Schoonmaker was ordered to set curb and gutter in front of her property on Elm street.

The committee on repairs to Laflin engine house reported that the painting, electric wiring and repairs were accomplished. The committee was discharged.

The ordinance for curb and gutter line on Ulster avenue from Myer street to the residence of A. Rowe was read and adopted.

The following bills were read and ordered paid:

E. E. Rickerson, painting Laflin engine house, assigned to D. Lamb,	\$28.00
D. E. Abeel, for subpoenaing [sic] witnesses in Water Works suite,	5.00
Saugerties Gas Co., gas for month of October,	49.09
P. Corcoran, men and teams,	61.99
Dr. S. L. Dawes, Health officer, 3 months salary	50.00
Rightmyer & Myer, labor,	11.00
Rev. F. H. Gates, registering marriages,	2.00
Jas. Teller, repairs,	4.00

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E. B. Codwise, surveying, making maps, etc., 68.10

Chief Engineer Lynk reported that the steamer and Laflin Hose apparatus have been tested, but R. A. Snyder Hose and Washington H. & L. Co., have not had their apparatus out.

On motion, R. A. Snyder Hose and Washington H. & L. Co. were ordered out for inspection, under the direction of the chief engineer, on Saturday, Nov 24th, at 2 o'clock.

The Exempts were also requested to bring out Empire engine and give it a test.

The clerk was instructed to publish the required notices for the coming village election.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Cornwell, Simmons and Wygant were appointed with power to wait upon C. C. James in reference to having the sidewalks repaired in front of his property on East Bridge street.

On motion the Board adjourned.

1771. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Jan. 5, 1895.

At the annual meeting of the Saugerties Exempt Fireman's Association held Friday evening, Jan. 4th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Foreman, Edward Jernegan; First Assistant Foreman, John McCormick; Second Assistant Foreman, John G. Palmer; Secretary and Treasurer, Jeremiah P. Russell; Representative, Jeremiah Finger; Delegates to the Tri-County Convention, Alfred P. Lasher and Will. S. Manning.

1772. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Dec. 17, 1894. – OUR COMMON COUNCIL – The Old Board Meets in Regular Session for the Last Time – Action Taken in Regard to Calling a Public Meeting.

The last regular meeting of the old Board of Village Directors was held Saturday evening, Dec. 15th.

All the Directors except Mr. Wygant were present.

The committee on charter reported that they expected to have the same completed and present at the next meeting of the Board.

The following bills were ordered paid:

Norman Cunyes, repairs,	\$20.00
Jas. Dederick, clerk and supplies,	22.01
Sheffield Mfg. Co., election tickets,	5.00
Saugerties Gas Co., light,	60.75
D. E. Abeel, subpoenaing [sic] witnesses and inspector of election,	7.00
Martin Cantine, inspector of election,	2.00
P. Corcoran, salary,	50.00
A. E. & J. S. Winnie, boarding witnesses in water suit,	53.50

The bill of Daniel Lamb for supplies amount \$42.67 was referred to the finance committee.

A duplicate warrant for \$15.25 was ordered drawn for the Electric Light Co., the original having been lost.

Collector Abeel's report was read by the clerk and accepted by the board and his bondsmen released.

Mr. Simmons offered the following:

Whereas, The pending suit of the Saugerties Water Co., and the Village Board of Directors has resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff for the full amount claimed, \$5,582.60, and believing that there are good grounds for appealing the same, be it

Resolved, That an appeal be taken as soon as notice of entry of judgment is served.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

After discussing the question of holding a public meeting for the purpose of talking over the water question, Mr. Simmons offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Whereas, The Saugerties Water Co. has obtained a judgment against the village for over \$5,000 and the result of the verdict being the establishment of the claim of the Water Company, that the village is liable to-wit for \$2,000 per year for five years, and

Whereas, The matter involved is of so much importance to the taxpayers and citizens of Saugerties, therefore be it

Resolved, That a meeting of the tax-payers and citizens of Saugerties is hereby called for Wednesday evening, December 19th 1894, at 8 o'clock to be held at a place to be procured by the committee appointed to discuss the water question and

Resolved, That as soon as a place is procured, the committee shall have posters printed and posted announcing the meeting.

On motion \$2,000 insurance was ordered placed on Laflin Engine House and contents and \$1,000 on the stone crusher building and contents the policies to run for three years.

It was decided that if the board is not specially convened they adjourn for two weeks.

1773. The Kingston Leader, Kingston NY. Saturday, Dec. 8. – The Hotel Registers. – Names of Prominent People Found Inscribed in Their Pages.

KINGSTON - W. W. Mackey, Marlborough; B. S. Thornton, Ellenville; W. C. Misner, Pine Hill; S. Elmendorf, Hurley; J. M. Chambers, George F. Chambers, Stone Ridge; S. R. Keator, Charles Burket, William Berket, High Falls; J. Barley, H. Rosenkrans, Whitfield; Charles Hoyt, Phoenicia.

CLINTON – Irving Spear, G. W. Tracy, New York; John T. Brown, Philadelphia; B. M. Moreman, Halcottville; George A. Badner, Marlborough; S. E. Mott, Esopus; E. M. Lasher, C. Crosby, Fleishmanns; E. L. Bennett, Frank Keen, Chichester; E. M. Bishop, Olive Bridge; Mrs. Kelly, Miss Kelly, Griffiths Corners.

EAGLE – Mrs. J. D. Winfield, and daughter, New Paltz; Edmund Riseley, Allaben; Carroll Whitaker, B. M. Coon, Saugerties; H. M. Hauver, Eddyville; J. Riseley, Allaben; C. F. Woolsey, James Nolan, Milton; F. S. Miller, Newburgh; W. B. Peters and wife, Bloomville; D. Kellie Frisbie, Grand Gorge; J. Hardenburgh, Rosendale; H. A. Ohley, Saugerties; G. S. Sleight, Sleightsburgh; G. W. Dumond, Hurley; Robert Espy, Robert Killip, Francis Phillips, James Crump, W. H. Van Nattan, T. B. Cornwell, G. H. Morgan, B. M. Freligh, William Doyle, Saugerties; F. B. Mayham and wife, Hobart; G. W. Fowler, A. B. Cole, Newburgh; L. H. Scott, Binghamton; S. W. Merclean, Ernest Hassinger, Irwin Ronk, Saugerties; F. W. Brown, Middletown; W. P. Bigelow, Newark; C. H. Van Steenburgh, Albany; O. G. Bell, Norwich; Morton Hauvers, W. J. McChesney, Albany; J. W. Gladstone and lady, F. C. Armstrong and wife, Bovina Center; O. A. Swart, Margaretville; H. A. Longworthy, Rochester; W. O. Shavers, Walden; G. W. Birch, Pine Bush; John M. Purdy, Milton; M. M. Millen, Marlborough; W. L. Schoonmaker, W. W. Hadley, Stone Ridge; H. W. Martin, Bennington; E. B. Schoonmaker and lady, George Hall and lady, Stone Ridge; O. A. Snyder and lady, Rosendale; L. D. Sahler and R. D. Hadley, Milton; James Ballentine, Andes; W. T. Sawyer, Boston; W. S. Myer and wife, W. B. Burhans and wife, Saugerties; M. B. Millspaugh, Grand Rapids; E. G. Lane, Highland; H. C. Finger, Mount Marion; E. A. Hoffman, Buffalo; R. H. Hemstreet, St. Thomas; W. H. Smedes, West Hurley; M. Traffarn, Hamilton; L. Davis, Stone Ridge; A. Lydecker, Albert Wagner, E. Peckham, W. C. Dunn, Edmund W. Wakelee, D. W. Pratt, A. W. McNulty, J. A. Smith, New York.

MANSION HOUSE – L. Heale, E. H. Hombestel, H. H. Clark, Jr., R. H. Maguire, W. C. Dunn, A. W. McNulty, L. J. Parks, M. Frankel, E. Peckham, P. H. Hover, E. A. Godfred, Henry S. Harburger, New York; G. W. Birsh, Pine Bush; S. W. Leveille, Gloversville; F. J. Stickles, Canajoharie; T. Winter, Margaretville; W. H. Stevens, Walden; James W. Barker, P. H. Simmons, Glens Falls; I. S. Rose, agent Gus Hill Co.; C. A. McMurdy, Stamford; G. L. Heath, Jersey City; E. J. Knowles, Albany; Fred T. Lewis, Saugerties; R. B. Wallace, Wallingford, Conn, J. Maguire, E. A. Hopkins, Buffalo.

1774. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Jan. 8, 1895.

Monday night, D. D. G. M. William H. Guilfoil, installed the following elective and appointive officers of Confidence Lodge, No. 51, I. O. O. F., in public, in their lodge rooms in the Whittaker building, on Main street: William E. Comfort, Noble Grand; James H. Hommel, Vice Grand; Charles Clum, Recording

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Secretary; William E. Wolven, Permanent Secretary; James H. Carew, Treasurer; Caleb Rowe, Warden; Bennet Rose, Conductor; George Hommel, R. S. N. G.; Isaac Griffis, L. S. N. G.; Peter Foland, R. S. V. G.; William H. Burnett, L. S. V. G.; Fordyce L. Osterhoudt, R. S. S.; George Bridgeman, L. S. S.; William Whitaker, I. G. This installation was followed by an entertainment.

1775. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Jan. 11, 1895.

At a regular meeting of Ulster Lodge, No. 49, I. O. O. F., held Thursday evening, Jan. 10th, the following officers were duly installed by D. D. G. M. Wm. H. Guilfoil assisted by his full staff: Wm. T. Paradise, Noble Grand; Elisha Paradise, Vice Grand; Lewis Fratscher, Recording Secretary; John Seamon, Treasurer; Robert Weber, Permanent Secretary; Fred. Keener, Warden; Jas. Smith, Jr., Conductor; Nathan Van Steenburg, Inside Guardian; Stephen Bocker, R. S. N. G.; Peter W. Bocker, L. S. N.G.; Samuel Hallenbeck, R. S. V. G.; Henry Taylor, L. S. V. G.; Chas. Hamlin,, R. S. S.; Wm. Teetsel, L. S. S.

1776. Married in this village, by the Rev. F. H. Gates, June 5th, Samuel M. Post to Miss Julia A. Hassinger, all of this village. [hand dated 1895]

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1777. The Kingston Leader, Saturday, December 8. - "When" or "Where" - The Saugerties Water Case Turns on one Word. - In one contract it is "Wherever" and the Other it is "Whenever" - Judge Fursman Says it is the Most Peculiar Case He Ever Heard of.

At the opening of court yesterday morning, the jury in the case of Franz Schrowang vs. the City of Kingston came in and rendered a verdict of no cause of action. This is a triumph for Corporation Cloonan worthy of note. The suit was pending from 1887 and had not been tried, and he had to contend with a lack of evidence due to the death of several witnesses for the city. Besides he was opposed by Hon. William Lounsbury with great skill.

The short cause calendar was taken up and disposed of as follows:

No. 118, The Peckham Motor, Wheel and Truck Co. vs. Patrick J. Gleason, the widely celebrated Mayor of Long Island City, John G. Van Etten appearing for the plaintiff. Judgment for \$254.77 rendered on a note.

No. 151, Walden National Bank vs. Herbert L. Brundage and another, John G. Van Etten for the plaintiff. Judgment rendered for \$319.84 on a note.

The trial of a suit of Shaver vs. the Romer and Tremper Steamboat Company was then resumed and occupied the balance of the morning. The case was submitted to the jury at about 1 o'clock, Mr. Chipp summing up for the defendant and Mr. Woolsey for the plaintiff. The jury remained out all the afternoon, and then, having failed to agree on a verdict, were discharged by Judge Fursman.

Before the noon recess the following cases were added to the day calendar.

No. 28, Margaret Kain, as administratrix vs. Patrick Larkin.

No. 43, Sarah Burnett, vs John Vandenburg.

No. 63, Margaret Thompson vs. John Allen, Jr.

No. 55, Magdalena Gallatin vs. the Telegram Printing Co.

The entire afternoon was taken up in the trial of No. 26, The Saugerties Water Co. vs. The Village of Saugerties, A. T. Clearwater for plaintiff and B. M. Coon and Peter Cantine for defendant. Although a large amount of evidence on various other matters was introduced, it is very evident that the case turns solely on which copy of the contract between the Village and the Water Company is correct. The contracts are exactly alike excepting that in one held by the water Company it is provided that the village shall pay \$40 each per year for hydrants "wherever" located by order of the Trustees and in the copy by the village it is provided that the village shall pay \$40 each year per hydrant "whenever" located by order of the Trustees. In each copy of the contract the disputed word looks as though it had been altered and the contention of the defence is that the alteration in the copy held by the village was made

before the contract was executed. According to the reading of the balance of the contract if the word is "wherever" rental for hydrants commenced to accrue as soon as they were placed, for it seems to be proved that the hydrants were located in accordance with a map endorsed by the Trustees; while, if the word is "whenever" the contract is only a preliminary one granting a franchise upon certain conditions, one of which is that the Water Co. shall rent the hydrants to the village at \$40 each per year "whenever" such hydrants are located by the Trustees.

The importance of the contract was made apparent when, on Judge Clearwater offering his copy in evidence, it was objected to on the ground that it was not a true copy of the contract actually entered into, and in support of this objection these points were brought out. During the afternoon Judge Fursman repeatedly remarked that the case was the most peculiar that he had ever heard of. Never, he said, in all his experience or reading had he met with a state of affairs like this.

The plaintiff claims that the using of the hydrants at fires and the fact that they were tested by the Chief Engineer go to prove that the village understood the contract at first as plaintiff did, while defendant claims that the Chief Engineer was never authorized by the trustees to inspect the hydrants nor was he authorized to use them at fires. The amount sued for is the rental of 52 hydrants for a year and a half, up to January 1, 1890, since which time the hydrants have been closed and locked up by the plaintiff. Samuel Dennison of Fort Plain, N. Y., who was superintendent of the Saugerties Water Co. at the time the works were built was the first witness. Was at Saugerties from April to November 1887. Knew B. M. Coon. He was president of the village Board of Trustees. About a month after I arrived I had a talk with Mr. Coon. He said he had a map on which the hydrants were located. I went to his office and located the hydrants on my map from his.

Benjamin Freligh, Chief Engineer of the Saugerties fire department at the time the water works were completed, testified that he tested the hydrants and found them very satisfactory. Threw water over the top of Mr. Whitaker's building, which is a pretty high building. Used the water on one occasion to put out a fire at George Burhan's blacksmith shop. When St. Mary's Church was on fire water from the hydrants was used in extinguishing it. The pressure was sufficient.

This testimony was all given subject to the objection of Mr. Cantine that the witness was not acting in an official capacity and had no authority to use the water.

Cross examined by Mr. Cantine – Had no directions from the village authorities to test the hydrants; did it at the request of Mr. Low, of the Water Company. Very few private houses were using water then. If more people were using water the pressure would be materially decreased. At the Burhans fire I turned the water on. Nobody directed me to do it. I had no wrench to turn it on with but sent to the Water Company's shop for it. Mr. Murphy, of the Water Company, brought the wrench. Never had a wrench furnished me so I could turn water on from a hydrant. Never received any authority from the Board of Directors to turn on water from the hydrants. At St. Mary's Church fire I think Father Flynn turned the water on himself.

George Burhans, the next witness, proved rather entertaining. He lives in what was once the Reformed Church. Now it is a blacksmith shop with living rooms at one side and storage rooms above. He said the fire at his place was put out by the water works and was very sure of this. He was asked concerning a long list of fires, several of which he had attended, but was unable to tell how they were put out, although the one at Laflin's was put out by the engine which he said was "attached to the Congregational Church."

The witness persisted in giving his testimony in an almost inaudible tone until Judge Fursman remarked, "Can't you talk louder – I'll bet you did at that fire." After the witness had told Judge Clearwater that he didn't know how a whole lot of fires were put out as he wasn't there, Judge Fursman's suggestion, "Don't you think you'd gain time by getting some witnesses who was at some of these fires?" was adopted and the witness was turned over to Mr. Cantine for cross examination.

He did not seem to have a very high opinion of the Saugerties fire department for he said "They tried to flood us out after the fire was over. Why they acted like a lot of little boys – they tried to squirt the

whole thing full of water. They threw a stream on the roof with such force that it knocked the shingles loose and everything."

After Mr. Cantine had asked the witness about a number of fires that he knew nothing about Judge Fursman said, "We have spent about an hour now in proving what this witness don't know – hadn't you better get somebody who does know?"

Mr. Burhans was excused and Ernest Hassinger was called. He testified that he had been a member of the Saugerties fire department since 1868 and had attended every fire since that time and kept a record of all the fires. The only fire that water from the hydrants aided in putting out was at St. Mary's Church. At the Burhans fire the water from the hydrants was only thrown to parts of the building where there was no fire. When they tried to take a hose in through an upper window, Mrs. Burhans tried to upset the ladder the men were one and they had to go down. No stream was thrown on the roof and no shingles were knocked off by a stream.

At this point Judge Fursman said he thought the case ought to be referred to Messrs. Cantine and Clearwater with power to choose a third man.

Then an entirely new feature in the case appeared. It seems that the contract as published in the Saugerties *Post*, the official paper of the village, contained the word "wherever," and the contract contained in the official minutes of the Clerk of the Board of Trustees was clipped from the *Post*. In fact an examination of the Clerk's minutes shows that it is the regular practice to clip from the *Post* reports of all meetings of the trustees and paste them in the book as the official minutes. Mynderse Freligh, who was Clerk the year after the contract was adopted, testified that he had changed the word from "wherever" to "whenever" by striking out the r and inserting with a pen the letter n. He did this because he found that the contract as printed in the minutes differed from the written copy held by the village.

"This case certainly presents the most curious questions I ever heard of" remarked Judge Fursman when this new phase of it appeared.

Joseph M. Low, the man who made the contract and founded the Saugerties Water Co., was called as the next witness but before he had given any material testimony count to a recess until Monday.

1778. The Kingston Leader, Tuesday, Dec. 11. – AN INTERESTED CUB. – That is what Mr. Cantine Says Mr. Low Was. – The Plot Thickens in the Saugerties water Case and There are More Contracts than You Can Shake a Stick At – Judge Fursman as an Expert With a Monkey-wrench.

At the opening of court on Monday morning, No. 202, New Paltz Savings Bank vs. Mechanics and Trader's Insurance Co., was sent to Judge Parker for trial at chambers.

The trial of the Saugerties water case was then resumed. One juror not having arrived, Mr. Cantine read the contract for the information of the court. It is dated November 16, 1886, and executed by Benjamin M. Coon, President, on behalf of the village, and attested by Theodore B. Morgan, Village Clerk and by Matthew T. Trumpbour, President of the Water Company and E. B. Walker, Jr., its secretary. The differences between the copy read by Mr. Cantine and that in possession of the plaintiff were brought out.

Joseph M. Low then took the stand again for cross examination. He was the contractor who built the works and received a large share of the company's bonds and stock for his pay. He remembered meeting with a committee of the Village Directors in reference to the contract, when a draft of the contract, presented by Mr. Betts, an engineer, was read over and corrected. Some interlineations were in witness' writing. Mr. Cantine read it "whenever" and Low said he wrote it for "wherever." A glass was produced for examining the writing, and after a dispute between counsel over it, Judge Fursman looked at it through the glass and said: "It isn't very good either way." The witness was further questioned about various meetings and the method of executing the contract up to the hour of the recess.

Judge Fursman announced that he would add no more cases to the day calendar.

During the afternoon session the examination of Mr. Low was continued. He said that E. B. Walker, Jr., drew the copy of the contract held by the company and it was drawn from a clipping taken from the *Saugerties Telegraph*. The word "wherever" was used with regard to the situation of the hydrants and not with regard to the taking of them at all.

Judge Clearwater raised an objection to the evidence of anything prior to the execution of the contract on the ground that all arrangements and conversations with regard to the terms of the contract are merged in that document.

Judge Fursman ruled that while this was the rule that would ordinarily prevail, this is such an exceedingly peculiar case that it does not apply.

E. B. Walker, Jr., testified that he was at one time Secretary of the Water Co. He copied the contract from a printed slip handed him by Mr. Low. The disputed word as written by me appears to me to be "wherever." I can't see any evidence of any alteration.

Cross examined by Mr. Cantine – Two contracts were signed. The other one was drawn by Jacob Burhans, a clerk in Mr. Westbrook's office. The duplicates were signed in my office.

At the request of Mr. Cantine the witness examined the contract with a magnifying glass. The disputed word, he said, did not appear to have been altered. Shown the defendant's copy, witness said there had been a change made in the disputed word in that document.

Plaintiff rested, with the understanding that Mr. Clearwater is to have leave to put in evidence extracts from the minutes of the Board of Trustees and any oral testimony that this evidence may render necessary.

During the cross-examination of Mr. Low, Mr. Cantine produced a wrench such as is used in turning on water from hydrants and asked the witness if he had not testified that anybody could open a hydrant with any ordinary wrench. Mr. Low said he had and Mr. Cantine then showed that the wrench was a five-sided one and tried to make out that a monkey wrench would not be made to do the work. This was too much for Judge Fursman who said a hydrant could be opened with any kind of a wrench and he had done it many a time himself at his barn. "With a wrench like this?" asked Mr. Cantine. "No," was the reply, "with a monkey wrench." Mr. Cantine then related a reminiscence of a case he once tried in New York wherein it appeared that when a boat loaded with alcohol was on fire a man went to a corner grocery store after a key to open the hydrant. "That was probably because he didn't have a monkey wrench in his pocket," was the crushing rejoinder of the court. The spectators laughed and Mr. Cantine quickly changed the subject, but not before Judge Clearwater had stated that the hoodlums in this city open hydrants and drop stones in them.

Mr. Cantine (excitedly) – Bring on your hoodlums and prove it if you can.

Mr. Clearwater – It is a fact, but I am not going to bring on any hoodlums. The Water Company took two bushels of stones out of one hydrant and –

Judge Fursman – Gentlemen, this is hardly pertinent, but this is a curious case and I suppose this discussion is one of the curious features.

Judge Clearwater wanted to introduce Mr. Low's contract with the Water Company in evidence. At first Mr. Cantine objected, but when told it was to show Mr. Low's status with the company, he examined the contract and said "Yes it does show his status. It shows that he was the whole thing, and he was to get all of the \$100,000 of bonds and \$99,500 of the \$100,000 of stocks. Now if he wasn't an interested cub, I'd like to know who was! I don't object."

Judge Clearwater said if he was disposed he could make a reply to that which would make Mr. Cantine's head swim, but he would refrain.

Judge Fursman said both attorneys had assured him at the outset that the case would not take up more than half or three fourths of a day, but as yet they seemed to have gotten only nicely into the preliminaries. But he would not object to a little amusement as the case was a very dry one even though it was about water.

The following outline of the claims of the defence is gathered from Mr. Cantine's opening address. A proposed contract was submitted by Mr. Low. Uriah Van Etten took this to Charles Davis for advice and Mr. Davis made a copy of it, after which he struck out, added to an amended his copy until he thought it was about right. With slight modifications his was finally agreed on between Mr. Low and the committee of Trustees and from it B. M. Coon was directed to draw a contract to be signed. Mr. Coon did so and sent it to the Saugerties *Telegraph* to be published. Mr. Davis used the word "whenever" and so did Mr. Coon, but the latter is not the most elegant penman in the world, and the printer set the word up "wherever" Nobody noticed the difference. Mr. Coon's original copy of the contract was returned to him from the printing office and was approved of by the village Trustees. The copies of the contract were then made to be signed and executed. Both were copied from clippings of the contract as printed in the *Telegraph*, including the word "wherever." When it came time to sign and execute the contract Mr. Coon and Mr. Walker compared the copies to see if they corresponded and were correct. When he came to the disputed word Mr. Coon said it was a mistake – it should be "whenever." After some argument they decided to correct it and did correct the copy he had. Mr. Walker took a pen and went through the motions of correcting the other copy. Then the contracts were both signed. The slight splash of ink on the word in the copy held by plaintiff is claimed by defendants to be the correction made by Mr. Walker and to have been intended to change the word to "whenever." In support of this the defence produces its copy of the contract, the proposed contract as amended by Mr. Davis, and the testimony of the witnesses who say that "whenever" was the word agreed upon to be used.

Mr. Davis was called as a witness just before the evening recess was taken and his testimony was not concluded at the hour of adjournment. He detailed various changes that he had made in the contract as proposed by Mr. Low.

1779. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY, Dec. 13, 1894.

The suit of the Saugerties Water Company against the village came to a close yesterday afternoon and the case was given to the jury who were instructed by the court to bring in a sealed verdict. The jury remained out all night and this morning came into court with a verdict for the Water Company for the full amount claimed, \$5,582.60. This judgment is for two years use of the fire hydrants. The Company claim the village owes for three years additional use.

1780. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Jan. 2, 1895.

The personal property of the Irving Club was sold at public auction on Monday last. \$542 was realized from the sale. Washington Myer purchased the piano for \$128, and Charles Davis purchased the billiard table for \$104. The Club will not disband.

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1781. The Kingston Leader, Wednesday, Dec. 12. That Everlasting Water Case. – It Dragged Along All Day Yesterday and the End is Not Yet.

The trial of the Saugerties Water Case dragged along all day yesterday in Circuit Court and no man knoweth when the end will be, although the lawyers say they hope to get through by noon to-day. Long and tedious legal arguments are likely to follow the conclusions of the testimony, and Court officer Buckley will need an extra pancake for his breakfast this morning if he hopes to avoid fainting thy the way while lugging up from the library the huge piles of law books that will probably be in demand by counsel. The evidence given was along the line of defence as given in the report of Monday's proceedings, all of the witnesses testifying that it was distinctly understood all the time that the village was not to bind itself to rent hydrants. When the evening recess was taken Lawyer B. M. Coon was still on the witness stand. He swore positively that the disputed word was "whenever" and related in great

detail the various discussions that had taken place before the substance of the contract was agreed upon, all of which tended to show that "whenever" was the proper word to use.

No. 55, Margaret Galatian vs. The Albany *Telegram*, was allowed to go over the term on motion of Mr. Brinnier, who appeared as counsel for the defendant.

In No. 65, Margaret Thompson vs. John Allen, Howard Chipp, Jr. representing Mirabeau L. Town, the Brooklyn lawyer who is so full of poetry that he frequently writes his complaints and briefs in verse, moved the case over the term. The motion was opposed by Mr. Brinnier, attorney for the defendant, and the case went over on payment of witness fees and costs within 20 days. The defendant in the case is the man who was pardoned out of prison only a short time ago. Plaintiff is servant who sues to recover damages for falling down a cellar way in Allen's Brooklyn house. Allen, it will be remembered is wealthy, even though he does live in the back woods of Ulster county.

1782. The suit between the Saugerties Water Company and the village of Saugerties shows how carefully every contract should be drawn. The dispute is over a single letter, the question hinging upon the difference between "wherever" and "whenever." Always be careful, whenever and wherever it becomes necessary to act. [no date or paper]

1783. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Dec. 20, 1894. — CONCERNING THE WATER QUESTION. The Public Meeting at Maxwell Opera House Last Evening Largely Attended. — The Question of Building Water Works Considered — The Action of the Village Board of Directors in Appealing the Suit of the Water Company Approved.

The call issued by the Village Board of Directors for a public meeting of property owners and citizens to meet at Maxwell Opera House to discuss the water question on Wednesday evening, was largely responded to.

On the platform was seated several of the heaviest taxpayers in the village, all eager to listen to the discussion of one of the most interesting and momentous questions submitted to the village residents in many years.

The village Directors present were President Cunyes and Directors Quick, Cantine and Simmons. Absent Directors Wygant and Cornwall. [*sic*]

At the request of the Directors, Director Simmons stated the object of the meeting, and moved that George W. Washburn be chosen chairman which was unanimously carried.

George Seamon, was, on motion, unanimously chosen secretary.

Mr. Simmons stated in view of the fact the Saugerties Water Co. having obtained a judgment against the village, for the sum of \$5,582.60, the Directors had voted to appeal the suit, and that in view of their action thereon they had considered it right and just to call the property owners and citizens together to consider the situation.

Egbert Whitaker, Esq., explained that the appeal meant for the General Term of the Supreme Court to hear and decide.

The chairman said that the object of the meeting having been stated, that a motion would be in order. Carroll Whitaker said since the village Board of Directors had appealed the case, he wanted to know what rights the Water Co. had in the village anyway, and to ascertain the point, called for the reading of the contract for general information.

Benjamin M. Coon read the contract between the village and the Water Co.

After hearing the contract read Mr. Whitaker said it appeared to be a question of buying the present water works or building a system of our own.

Egbert Whittaker said he wanted to know if the Water Co. had exclusive right to franchise for furnishing the people of Saugerties with water, and Peter Cantine stated that according to the contract, no exclusive franchise was granted to the Water Co. and gave a short history of the manner in which the contract had been drawn and referred to some of the evidence given on the trial of the suit before Judge Fursman.

Carroll Whitaker believed a committee should be appointed to ascertain the cost of construction of a system of water works, and other matters connected therewith and argued that after cost, etc., was ascertained, if the Water Co. would not take a fair price for their plant, that the village should build its own. This statement was received with great applause. He further stated if the village built its own water works, the present company would not have a single customer left.

Frank Pidgeon wanted to know where water could be obtained in case the village should decide to build its own works. He was told from the Plattekill creek, anywhere above the present company's reservoir. At the request of Morris Schoenfeld, Mr. Coon read that portion of the contract relating to the sale of the works at the expiration of a five year term.

Carroll Whitaker moved that a committee of five be appointed to ascertain the cost of building a new system of water works; where water could be obtained from; whether the present Water Co. had exclusive right to furnish water to the people of Saugerties, and report with sixty days, or sooner, if ready, at a future meeting to be called.

On motion it was requested that the chairman appoint the committee. He announced that he would do so at some time in the near future.

On motion of Peter Cantine, the chairman was added to the committee.

Hon. William F. Russell wanted to know when the village had to pay the judgment obtained by the Water Co.

Mr. Cantine said it would not be until we get to the end of the law – if ever.

Carroll Whitaker said it would be Dec. 1895, before a decision could be handed down by the General Term, in all probability.

Mr. Russell moved that the action of the Village Board of Directors in appealing the suit be approved, which motion was carried without a dissenting voice, and the meeting adjourned subject to call by the committee.

1784. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Jan. 2, 1895. – OUR COMMON COUNCIL – The New Board Meets and Organized – Regular Sessions Designated.

The new Board of Village Directors met for organization at their room New Year's Day at 10:30 A. M. The clerk called the meeting to order and after extending them the compliments of the season stated that the first business in order would be the election of a president.

Messrs. Cantine and Quick were appointed tellers.

The informal ballot resulted as follows: Cantine, 2; Simmons, 3; Cunyes, 1; Mr. Cunyes declined.

The formal ballot resulted as follows: Simmons, 3; Cantine, 3. Another ballot was ordered when Mr. Simmons withdrew and moved that the nomination of Mr. Cantine be made unanimous.

Mr. Cantine withdrew in favor of Mr. Simmons and the motion was amended electing Mr. Simmons by acclamation.

Mr. Simmons in a neat speech, of which he is well capable, thanked the members for the honor conferred.

James C. Dederick was elected clerk by acclamation and Mr. Cantine was elected vice-president by acclamation.

The chair announced that the balance of village officers and the appointment of committees would be deferred until the first regular meeting.

On motion the same evenings for holding meetings in 1895 were chosen as those of last year, viz: the first and third Saturdays of each month.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Saturday evening of this week.

1785. Daily Post, Saugerties, NY. Jan. 7, 1895. – OUR COMMON COUNCIL – Committees Announced – Bills Ordered Paid – Appointments Made and Other Business Transacted.

A regular meeting of the village Board of Directors was held Saturday evening, Jan. 5th.

Ernest Hassinger's Scrapbook

Directors present – Simmons, Cornwell, Cantine, Lasher, Quick and Cunyes.

President Simmons presided.

The minutes of the adjourned meeting held Dec. 29th, 1894, and the meeting of Jan. 1st, 1894 [*sic*] were read and approved.

President Simmons announced the following standing committees for the ensuing year:

FINANCE - Cantine, chairman; Cunyes and Lasher.

STREETS, &c. - Cunyes, chairman, Quick and Cornwell.

FIREMANIC AFFAIRS, BUILDINGS, APPARTUS, &c. - Lasher, chairman; Quick and Cornwell.

STONE CRUSHER – Quick, chairman; Cunyes, Lasher, Cornwell.

HEALTH AFFAIRS – Cornwell, chairman; Quick, Lasher.

CHARTER AND LEGAL MATTERS – Cantine, chairman; Cunyes, Lasher.

On motion of Mr. Cornwell, Burt street was substituted for Valley street for coasting purposes.

The following bills were ordered paid:

Saugerties Gas Light Co., lighting

Empire Engine house months of Oct.

Nov. and Dec. 1894, \$ 13.50

M. E. Donlon, premium on insurance

policy of \$2,000 on Empire Engine house
and contents, 26.00

M. E. Donlon, premium on insurance policy
of \$1,000 on Stone Crusher and building, 20.00

John Maxwell, lighting and care of
street lamps, 42.50

Total, \$102.00

Finance committee reported adversely on bills of Charles Capen and Charles Montross, amount \$2 each, for extra services rendered, and on motion of Mr. Cornwell the report was sustained.

On motion of Mr. Cunyes, the following nominations for officers of the fire department for the year 1895 were confirmed:

Edward J. Lewis, Chief Engineer

Wm. V. Burhans, 1st Assistant Chief

Wm. McCormick, 2nd Assistant Chief

Ernest Hassinger, Treasurer

An informal ballot was taken for Street Commissioner which resulted as follows: Patrick Corcoran, 3; L. Depuy Davis, 2; George H. Morgan, 1.

The first formal ballot showed the same result.

The second formal ballot resulted as follows: Corcoran, 4; Davis, 1; Morgan, 1.

Patrick Corcoran was declared elected Street Commissioner for the year 1895.

An informal ballot for janitor resulted in John G. Palmer receiving 3 votes and Ernest Hassinger 3, votes.

A formal ballot was then ordered which resulted in Mr. Palmer receiving 5 votes and Mr. Hassinger 1 vote.

John G. Palmer was declared elected janitor for the year 1895.

Willett S. Baldwin was unanimously chosen engineer of Minnehaha steamer No. 1, at an annual salary of \$80.

On motion of Mr. Cunyes, William E. Persons was given care of the town clock for the year 1895 at a salary of \$50.

Police power was conferred upon officers Charles E. Abeel and Henry Krantz, and they were appointed as night police for the year 1895 at an annual salary each of \$52.

The clerk was directed to officially notify each of the persons appointed to position at this session of the Board.